

31350|2010-01-15 08:23:18|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: Re: [Ta\_Seti] How to rebuild our nation?

--- On **Thu, 1/14/10**, Tafari khumbaka [tafari\\_sudra@yahoo.com](mailto:tafari_sudra@yahoo.com) wrote:

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 7:37 PM

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xgzLpnUbFD4>

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| 31352|2010-01-15 08:24:30|Tafari khumbaka|Re: How to rebuild our nation?|  
The key word is community, therefore all i have stated applies.



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| 31353|2010-01-15 08:24:45|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Peter/polygamy|  
"infibulation is an arab/islamic practice..."

Ennnhhhh...wrong answer.

Infibulation/female genital mutilation has nothing to do with Arab/Islamic practices or dogma....to the best of my knowledge. I could be wrong, but I don't think; if I am please provide some kind of link or something to correct my own misinformation.

While I am not a supporter of NUTBAR Islamists, I also can't put that B Son them as a cultural norm since they don't perform such a practice on Muslim women to make them docile. They obviously need "fighters"...even if they are second class citizens or lowly, ignorant "females". So before I lie about this B S practice, and call it a "christian" thingy...please tell me where you got your documentation from to support your theorem that it is an "islamic norm"....thanks. (And not to worry, my dislike for FUNDAMENTALISTS extends to ALL religions in case anyone wants to call me a "racist" or some other idjut name/title.)

Sekhmet

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 4:38 PM

infibulation is an arab/islamic practice most specifically in west africa in islamic communities until moderntimes as it hAS branched into tribal and christian africa.  
its sometimes called pharonic since the arabs made it a tradition there in late egyptian history.



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--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 12:23 PM

"....Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts thepractice as normal..."

Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social norm depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except for



those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless some catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community.

If it is about female genital mutilation.. ..well, that was an individualtribal "norm" and not a Pan-African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing if some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it ain't normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis head of men to keep things balanced. "...don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground...."

Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. Women can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements, protection, child rearingand monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:18 PM

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant to as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is for the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of a woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though that annoys a hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to do unto you is a universal principle that anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confusion. We are still human no matter what any religious, spiritual, cultural system may approve of. Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/shouldn't engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have a long time been...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, it's about the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoo groups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/egyptianvoodoo/est/2010/01/07/polygamy-should-we-shouldnt-we>  
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| 31354|2010-01-15 08:24:47|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Teddy Pendegrass Died at 59: Life Is A Song Worth Singing|

"....most easily preventable..."

I agree with you on this type of CA=cancer Hebrew.

"Teddy Bear" was and will always be the "bom" singer.

Sekhet

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--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Teddy Pendegrass Died at 59: Life Is A Song Worth Singing  
To: "IE Brown"

Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 4:40 AM

**The singer underwent colon cancer surgery eight months ago and had "a difficult recovery," his son said.**

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**From:** Sandra Frempong

**To:** afenmai ; esan\_community@yahoogroups.com; edonation ; edo-ciao@yahoogroup.s.com; edo-nationality@yahoogroups.com; Edo\_Global@yahoogroup.s.com; voicesofedowomen@yahoogroups.com

**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 3:14:51 AM

**Subject:** [edo-nationality] Teddy Pendergrass Died at 59: Life Is A Song Worth Singing

**I hope you indeed achieved that 50/50 love. Rest in Peace, Teddy!**

Sandra

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## Soul singer Teddy Pendergrass dies in Pa. at 59

**AP** Associated Press

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AP In an Aug. 1, 2000, file photo Teddy Pendergrass, right, performs at the Good Neighbor Community Outreach

-  [Slideshow: Singer Teddy Pendergrass dies at 59](http://d.yimg.com/a/p/ap/20100114/thumb.1d5bdf2ef93d4affab4d1a11f93e88b5.obit_pendergrass_ny110.jpg?x=50&y=50&xc=1&yc=1&wc=86&hc=86&q=85&sig=0v25pellqbfo890R9BfKg--)

*By PATRICK WALTERS, Associated Press Writer Patrick Walters, Associated Press Writer* 1hr40minsago

PHILADELPHIA Teddy Pendergrass, who became R&B's reigning sex symbol in the 1970s and '80s with his forceful, masculine voice and passionate love ballads and later became an inspirational figure after suffering a devastating car accident that left him paralyzed, died Wednesday at age 59.

The singer's son, Teddy Pendergrass II, said his father died at a hospital in suburban Philadelphia. The singer underwent colon cancer surgery eight months ago and had "a difficult recovery," his son said.

"To all his fans who loved his music, thank you," his son said. "He will live on through his music."

Pendergrass suffered a spinal cord injury and was paralyzed from the waist down in the 1982 car accident. He spent six months in a hospital but returned to recording the next year with the album "Love Language."

He briefly returned to the stage at the Live Aid concert in 1985, performing from his wheelchair.

Pendergrass later founded the Teddy Pendergrass Alliance, an organization whose mission is to encourage and help people with spinal cord injuries achieve their maximum potential in education, employment, housing, productivity and independence, according to its Web site.

Pendergrass, who was born in Philadelphia on March 26, 1950, gained popularity first as a member of Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes.

In 1971, the group signed a record deal with the legendary writer/producers Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff. The group released its first single, "I Miss You," in 1972 and then released "If You Don't Know Me by Now," which was nominated for a Grammy Award.

Gamble remembered Pendergrass fondly and lauded him.

"I think Teddy Pendergrass was really one of a kind of an artist, and his music kind of speaks for him," Gamble said in an interview early Thursday. "He had such a powerful voice, and he had a great magnetism."

Pendergrass quit the group in 1975 and embarked on a solo career in 1976. It was his solo hits that brought him his greatest fame. With songs such as "Love T.K.O.," "Close the Door" and "I Don't Love You Anymore," he came to define a new era of black male singers with his powerful, aggressive vocals that spoke to virility, not vulnerability.

His lyrics were never coarse, as those of later male R&B stars would be, but they had a sensual nature that bordered on erotic without being explicit.

"Turn Off the Lights" was a tune that perhaps best represented the many moods of Pendergrass tender and coaxing yet strong as the song reached its climax.

Pendergrass, the first black male singer to record five consecutive multi-platinum albums, made women swoon with each note, and his concerts were a testament to that adulation, with infamous stories of women throwing their underwear on stage for his affection.

But his career was derailed by the car accident, Gamble said.

"He had a tremendous career ahead of him, and the accident sort of got in the way of many of those plans," Gamble said.

However, Pendergrass' career did not end. He continued to sing and recorded several albums, receiving Grammy nominations; perhaps his best-known hit after his crash was the inspirational song "Life is a Song Worth Singing."

It was 19 years before Pendergrass resumed performing at his own concerts. He made his return on Memorial Day weekend in 2001, with two sold-out shows in Atlantic City, N.J.

Pendergrass is survived by his son, two daughters, his wife, his mother and nine grandchildren.

| 31355|2010-01-15 08:24:58|hebrew b'yisrael|Re: Widows protest marriage incentive|  
Nepal has a dire shortage of women! It is the reverse there. Black women would find a mate quickly in Nepal.

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta-Seti  
**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 2:30:04 PM  
**Subject:** [Ta\_Seti] Widows protest marriage incentive

Now this is what I call "government interference" ....ROTFL! !!! What if they don't WANT another husband?  
Sekhmet

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### [Widows protest marriage incentive](#)

Mon Aug 10 14:09:53 UTC 2009

KATHMANDU (Reuters) - About 200 women marched through the Nepali capital Monday government scheme to pay cash incentives to men for marrying widows, witnesses said. Nepal's center-left coalition announced a plan last month to pay men the equivalent of \$65 widows, angering the widows.

Monday, women shouting slogans such as "You can't sell your mother," and "We don't want dowries," marched toward a government complex that houses the prime minister's office. They were stopped by riot police, but there were no arrests or violence.

Durga Neupane, an organizer and a widow, said activists would mobilize widows throughout the Himalayan nation if the government failed to scrap the decision by Friday. "If that is not done we'll gather widows from across the country and organize more protests," she said. The government says the scheme seeks to help widows who face social and cultural barriers in a majority-Hindu society.

But Neupane said it would only add to their woes as men would marry widows for money and later abandon them. Widows, she said, should instead be given jobs, better health care and education. (Reporting by Gopal Sharma; Editing by Bappa Majumdar and Ron Popeski)

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| 31356|2010-01-15 08:25:37|Ginger Daniels|Re: How to rebuild our nation?|  
Speak for yourself. I'm going in the same direction he's going. (black men) Peace.

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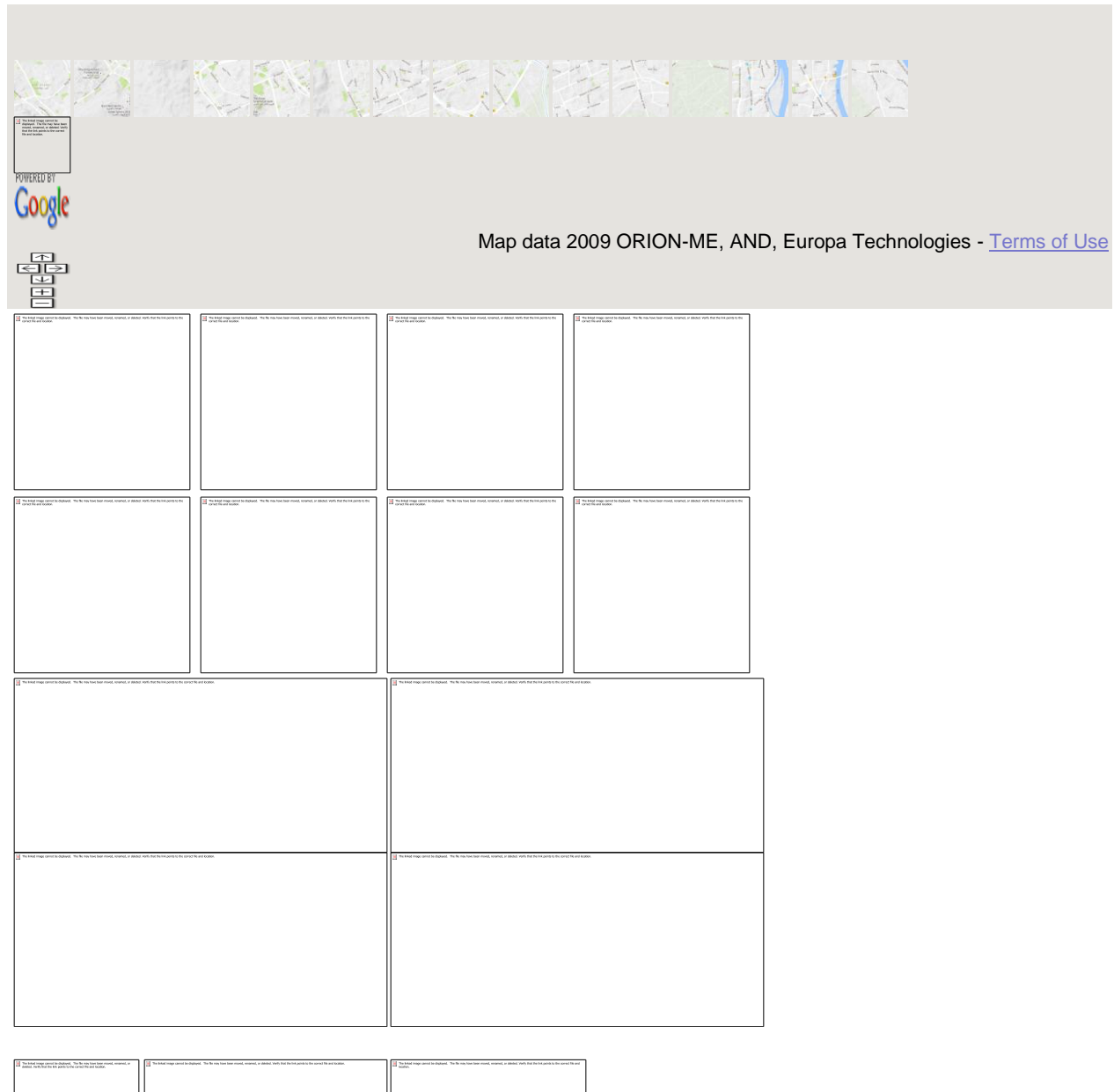
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2311 Massachusetts Avenue, NW

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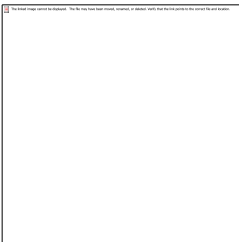
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You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is for the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of a woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though that annoys a hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to do unto you is a universal principle that anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confusion. We are still human no matter what any religious, spiritual, cultural system may approve of. Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/shouldn't engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have existed since time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahooogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/egyptianvoodoo priest/2010/01/07/polygamy-shouldnt-we>  
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Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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| 31365|2010-01-15 13:31:25|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: How to rebuild our nation?|

?I am confused with this response, I am not talking about marriage here so perhaps you are responding to the wrong person?? Tafari did not understand what I was saying so now you

respond to this post with where you are going (black men) because? A co housing community is built up of individuals or families that want to live in a community that shares common goals, beliefs or interests. AS black/african am. ppl we would form a community of our ppl who want to create safe haven for our children to be educated and nourished by us. We could educate ourselves with a black library, build our health using herbs and eating food grown by our ppl. We would be able to share the wealth with each other and protect one antoher by making sure we know who and where our babies are. Hope this clarifies what I am speaking of a little more because this gets tiring when ppl dont understand you and began to get frustrated with you as a result.

Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] How to rebuild our nation?  
To: "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 12:07 AM

Speak for yourself. I'm going inthe same direction he's going. (black men) Peace.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 19:33:13 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] How to rebuild our nation?

Co housing is not living together, it is a cluster of homes in close proximity or an apartment building purchased by a group with the sole purpose of creating a "community" that does things together. I did post a link to what co housing is so that no one would be confused about what it is. It is not communal but living with a purpose to connect with those in your community thus the name co housing.

--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] How to rebuild our nation?  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:37 PM

Perhaps "our" will need defining. Along with "nation" and which nation;,m/p i have lived arrangements , and its my belief that it is the most neccessary reason for marriage period. marriage probaly came about because people living close to one another didnt like the ide having sex and having babies and the father not being responsible, hence a woman taking and that man being responsible for the children she has.Remember this is pre-The Pill and

usually meant babies.

My time living in such arrangements allowed me too see that sex is a very uncontrollable urge/emotion among most people hence the way asian societies have demanded vows of celibacy among their priest and priestess when they must live together in everyday arrangements.

I completely agree with you and all u have stated, but of course the question is who is we(lol ebonics) and what is we???

will the house be like a mtv reality show, or based on Ashanti or Yoruba , Anc.Khamitic, etc.... If its a plain old afr.am. way of doing thangs it may be doomed to what we have become..... .exotic wannabe whites.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, alicia** wrote:

From: alicia

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] How to rebuild our nation?

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogleups .com

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 7:37 PM

I have posted this before but to no big following only criticisms and in lieu of the many posts on polygamy as a solution to our crisis, it is imperative that we find solutions that every one can accept.

Co housing is a viable option and with all of the market crashes we may have to ban together and find a way to co exist together as a ppl period. If those who have money or property could ban together and make a way for a community made up of our ppl with a garden, herbs for healing, homeopathic doctors, a school and produce store to sell our products we could rebuild ourselves.

We must nurture our children and ourselves or else how can we grow as a nation? Most of us can not live in the same community let alone in the same house so when the economy gets real tough we will be left by the way side. We need to get used to working together as a ppl and learn how to agree to disagree agreeably or we will not survive this crisis. Co housing is a vialbe option because it gives you a safe haven to raise your children while providing the adults a safe and uplifting support system in order to raise healthy productive young ppl. Hopefully this will be considered in conversations with family and friends and here is a link on what is co housing read and meditate on it please!<http://www.wolfcree klodge.org/ htms/cohousing. html>

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| 31366|2010-01-15 14:44:39|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA|  
"...current tragedy is linked to decades of (enforced) poverty...."



Hello Peter,

I remember some of the things Haitians have endured and the countries that came to their assistance without some sort of caveat to boot. I just sent the original article because the title seems to imply that the USA somehow created the quake itself, rather than it being a NATURAL disaster.

Anyway, I am glad for the global positive response they are currently getting....much different than the Katrina victims received.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 8:16 AM

Of course, the current tragedy in Haiti is linked to decades of (enforced) poverty, via invasion, neocolonial abuse, etc.

I too wish to commend China, Venezuela and all the other countries that have responded so quickly. Let's not forget: the Haitian Ambassador did acknowledge with thanks to Venezuela that their (Venezuelan) immediate support was probably the result of the fact that some of the most effective efforts of Simon Bolivar in liberating Venezuela were successful because of the thousands of Haitian soldiers fighting with him.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 15:51:45 -0800

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA

Well of course this is the time to bring up "old news" about American involvement in the past with regard to Haiti....I have nothing to add, so will take a different approach to this tragedy in such a poor country after repeated natural disasters 4-5 years in a row....

**Let me send a personal TA-TA YAH!!! to the Chinese people and government for their immediate and VERY LARGE response to the Haitians within 48 hours!!!**

**and to the other countries and governments in Europe and South America another "thank you"!!! You and your assistance are MOST Welcome!!**

Sekhmet, a US citizen

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# **Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA**

## **Why the Blood Is on Our Hands**

by Ted Rall

As grim accounts of the earthquake in Haiti came in, the accounts in U.S.-controlled state media all carried the same descriptive sentence: "Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere.. ."

Gee, I wonder how that happened?

You'd think Haiti would be loaded. After all, it made a lot of people rich.

How did Haiti get so poor? Despite a century of American colonialism, occupation, and propping up corrupt dictators? Even though the CIA staged coups d'état against every democratically elected president they ever had?

It's an important question. An earthquake isn't just an earthquake. The same 7.0 tremor hitting San Francisco wouldn't kill nearly as many people as in Port-au-Prince.

"Looking at the pictures, essentially it looks as if (the buildings are of) breezeblock or cinderblock construction, and what you need in an earthquake zone is metal bars that connect the blocks so that they stay together when they get shaken," notes Sandy Steacey, director of the Environmental Science Research Institute at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland. "In a wealthy country with good seismic building codes that are enforced, you would have some damage, but not very much."

When a pile of cinderblocks falls on you, your odds of survival are long. Even if you miraculously survive, a poor country like Haiti doesn't have the equipment, communications infrastructure or emergency service personnel to pull you out of the rubble in time. And if your neighbors get you out, there's no ambulance to take you to the hospital--or doctor to treat you once you get there.

Earthquakes are random events. How many people they kill is predetermined. In Haiti this week, don't blame tectonic plates. Ninety-nine percent of the death toll is attributable to poverty.

So the question is relevant. How'd Haiti become so poor?

The story begins in 1910, when a U.S. State Department-National City Bank of New York (now called Citibank) consortium bought the Banque National d'Haiti--Haiti's only commercial bank and its national treasury--in effect transferring Haiti's debts to the Americans. Five years later, President Woodrow Wilson ordered troops to occupy the country in order to keep tabs on "our" investment.

From 1915 to 1934, the U.S. Marines imposed harsh military occupation, murdered Haitians patriots and diverted 40 percent of Haiti's gross domestic product to U.S. bankers. Haitians were banned from government jobs. Ambitious Haitians were shunted into the puppet military, setting the stage for a half-century of U.S.-backed military dictatorship.

The U.S. kept control of Haiti's finances until 1947.

Still--why should Haitians complain? Sure, we stole 40 percent of Haiti's national wealth for 32 years. But we let them keep 60 percent.

Whiners.

Despite having been bled dry by American bankers and generals, civil disorder prevailed until 1957, when the CIA installed President-for-Life François "Papa Doc" Duvalier. Duvalier's brutal Tonton Macoutes paramilitary goon squads murdered at least 30,000 Haitians and drove educated people to flee into exile. But think of the cup as half-full: fewer people in the population means fewer people competing for the same jobs!

Upon Papa Doc's death in 1971, the torch passed to his even more dissolute 19-year-old son, Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier. The U.S., cool to Papa Doc in his later years, quickly warmed back up to his kleptomaniacal playboy heir. As the U.S. poured in arms and trained his army as a supposed anti-communist bulwark against Castro's Cuba, Baby Doc stole an estimated \$300 to \$800 million from the national treasury, according to Transparency International. The money was placed in personal accounts in Switzerland and elsewhere.

Under U.S. influence, Baby Doc virtually eliminated import tariffs for U.S. goods. Soon Haiti was awash predatory agricultural imports dumped by American firms. Domestic rice farmers went bankrupt. A nation that had been agriculturally self-sustaining collapsed. Farms were abandoned. Hundreds of thousands of farmers migrated to the teeming slums of Port-au-Prince.

The Duvalier era, 29 years in all, came to an end in 1986 when President Ronald Reagan ordered U.S. forces to whisk Baby Doc to exile in France, saving him from a popular uprising.

Once again, Haitians should thank Americans. Duvalierism was "tough love." Forcing

Haitians to make do without their national treasury was our nice way or encouraging them to work harder, to lift themselves up by their bootstraps. Or, in this case, flipflops. Anyway.

The U.S. has been all about tough love ever since. We twice deposed the populist and popular democratically- elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The second time, in 2004, we even gave him a free flight to the Central African Republic! (He says the CIA kidnapped him, but whatever.) Hey, he needed a rest. And it was kind of us to support a new government formed by former Tonton Macoutes.

Yet, despite everything we've done for Haiti, they're still a fourth-world failed state on a fault line.

And still, we haven't given up. American companies like Disney generously pay wages to their sweatshop workers of 28 cents an hour.

What more do these ingrates want?

Ted Rall is the author of the new book "[Silk Road to Ruin: Is Central Asia the New Middle East?](#)," an in-depth prose and graphic novel analysis of America's next big foreign policy challenge.

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| 31368|2010-01-15 14:46:49|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Donate to red cross? NO!|

Alright Peter,

you don't want to give money to the Red Cross because of their "managerial fees"...trust me, I understand. But their organization and volunteers are already up and running, have been for years and they aren't some recent start-up group is all I am saying.

They have people there already...if they weren't hurt in the quake, and they know the area and people whose communications were cut off and still are.

This is not the time to reinvent the wheel or go with some new group. How about Wyclef Jean and his group? He has been working with Haiti for a couple of years already because of the hurricane damage.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10**, Peter Gray wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:11 AM

Yes there are several NGOs out there actively trying to help. My own criterion is that whatever money I may send should go mostly (~80%) to the recipients rather than to sustain the administrative and managerial overhead of the organization itself.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 21:53:16 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!

Hello Ginger...

please know that I am "whitcha" on a lot of things you post, but seriously... NOW is not the time to be devisive about help for Haitians.... .BUMP the Red Cross if that is not your focus. But there are other legitimate groups trying to help those people at this crisis stage which is the first 72 hours of assistance.

Only saying because I am a former medical first responder in other disasters, and DISinformation is almost as bad as the original disaster.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!  
To:  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 1:42 PM

The right-wing, scandal-ridden "charity" that isn't really a charity

## **The truth about the Red Cross**

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FOR MANY people, the American Red Cross is the very embodiment of lifesaving. Its bold red emblem is imprinted on the sides of vehicles that appear at natural disasters, storms or fires, to take care of the survivors. Millions of Americans donate blood or hard-earned pay to the organization each year, or

during special appeals like after the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

But as JOE ALLEN reveals, the real story of the Red Cross isn't nearly as noble and humanitarian as the image.

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IN RECENT years, the image of the Red Cross has been tarnished. The worst scandal came after the September 11 attacks, when it was revealed that a large portion of the hundreds of millions of dollars donated to the organization went not to survivors or family members of those killed, but to other Red Cross operations, in what was described by chapters across the country as a "bait-and-switch" operation. Recently, long-simmering concerns about the Red Cross' disaster relief operations were expressed by Richard Walden, of the humanitarian group Operation USA, in the *Los Angeles Times*--prompting a vitriolic response by the Red Cross.

But these recent scandals are nothing new for the Red Cross. In fact, the whole history of the organization is one gigantic scandal--stretching from its racist policies toward African Americans to its corporate mentality toward human beings.

It is a tribute to the feebleness of the U.S. media--and the Red Cross' powerful Republican allies--that an institution with such a dubious history continues as the symbol of "humanitarian leadership," when it should have been replaced by a far more effective agency decades ago.

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THE HURRICANE Katrina catastrophe on the Gulf Coast has revealed the same old problems with the Red Cross. In late September, the organization was ordered out of a suburban Atlanta relief center because, according to the *New York Times*, its "application process had resulted in long lines and the group had made false promises of financial payments."

In an even more bizarre incident in Chicago, students were turned away from volunteering for a multi-agency relief center because they refused to sign a loyalty oath to the U.S. government!

Some more scrutiny of the Red Cross is beginning to take place. As Richard Walden, of Operation USA, wrote in the *Los Angeles Times*, "Its fundraising vastly outruns its programs because it does very little or nothing to rescue survivors, provide direct medical care or rebuild houses."

Walden noted (and the Red Cross now confirms) that the organization has raised \$1 billion in pledges and gifts for hurricane relief. He also revealed that "FEMA and the affected states are reimbursing the Red Cross under pre-existing contracts for emergency shelter and other disaster services. The existence of these contracts is no secret to anyone but the American public."

How many people would donate to the Red Cross if they knew all this?

In the richest country in the history of the world, it is a travesty that such an organization is responsible for lifesaving. We deserve so much better.

THE AMERICAN Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, who became famous during the Civil War for organizing the distribution of food and medical supplies to Union Army soldiers. The Red Cross is specifically mandated,

according to its Congressional charter adopted in 1905, to "carry out a system of national and international relief in time of peace, and apply that system in mitigating the suffering caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods and other great national calamities, and to devise and carry out measures preventing those calamities." The organization was also to carry out its work in accordance with the Geneva Conventions concerning the treatment of prisoners of war. Later, the Red Cross would also be entrusted with control of a large part of the nation's blood supply.

But who got relief after disasters has always been affected by the racism that has been part of the Red Cross' long history.

For example, during the Great 1927 Flood that destroyed large parts of the Mississippi Delta and Louisiana, Black farm laborers and sharecroppers without a doubt suffered the most. As John Barry documents in his epic history of the flood, *Rising Tide*, delta plantation owners refused to evacuate them out of the region for fear--rightly--that most wouldn't return to their miserable, slave-like conditions.

The Red Cross came in to provide temporary housing and food aid. What African Americans of the Delta got was prison-like camps where they were routinely beaten by white, racist National Guardsmen. Food distributed by the Red Cross was given to whites first, and if anything was left, it went to Black survivors.

On the eve of the Second World War, the Red Cross stockpiled large amounts of blood because of techniques developed by the brilliant African American scientist Dr. Charles Drew. Drew himself became director of the Red Cross's Blood Bank in 1941, but resigned his position after the War Department ordered that the blood of Black and white donors be segregated.

Drew called the order "a stupid blunder," but the Red Cross complied and imposed Jim Crow in the blood supply. The Red Cross even initially refused to accept the donation of blood by African Americans at the beginning of the war effort--though it was willing to accept cash donations from them. Throughout the war, the NAACP investigated complaints by Black servicemen of racist treatment by Red Cross.

The Red Cross desegregated the blood supply after the Second World War nationally, but it allowed its Southern chapters to continue segregating blood through the 1960s.

People who think of the Red Cross as a "private charity" would be shocked to discover its actual legal status.

Congress incorporated the Red Cross to act under "government supervision. " Eight of the 50 members of its board of governors are appointed by the president of the United States, who also serves as honorary chairperson. Currently, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security are members of the board of governors.

This unique, quasi-governmental status allows the Red Cross to purchase supplies from the military and use government facilities-- military personnel can actually be assigned to duty with the Red Cross. Last year, the organization received \$60 million in grants from federal and state governments. However, as one federal court noted, "A perception that the organization is independent and neutral is



equally vital."

The leading administrators and officials of the Red Cross are almost always drawn from the corporate boardroom or the military high command. Among the past chairs and presidents of the Red Cross are seven former generals or admirals and one ex-president.

The current president Marty Evans is a retired rear admiral and a director of the investment firm Lehman Brothers Holdings. Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, the chair of the Red Cross, is also CEO of Pace Communications, whose clients include United Airlines, Delta Air Lines and AT&T--a group of companies known for their vicious treatment of workers.

The Red Cross has become particularly tied up with the Republican Party in recent decades. Both McElveen-Hunter and Evans are Bush appointees-- for her part, McElveen-Hunter has donated over \$130,000 to the Republican Party since 2000.

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THOUGH IT is technically a nonprofit, the Red Cross is run more like profit-hungry corporation than what most people think a "charity" would act like. The most deadly example of this was the Red Cross' criminally negligent response to the early stages of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s.

The Red Cross has been for many decades, and remains today, the largest blood bank in the country. In 1982 and especially 1983, when it would have possible to contain the outbreak--or at least stop the spread of the disease through infusions of infected blood--major blood banks, led by the Red Cross, opposed national testing of blood for HIV.

The Red Cross' opposition was based on the financial cost. As investigative journalist Judith Reitman wrote in her book *Bad Blood*: "It appeared it would be cheaper to pay off infected blood recipients, should they pursue legal action, than to up the Red Cross blood supply."

Earlier this year, the Canadian Red Cross pleaded guilty to distributing contaminated blood supplies that infected thousands of Canadians with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s. This scandal is a large part of why the Canadian Red Cross was removed from running the country's blood supply in the late 1990s--but not the American Red Cross.

Enron-style bookkeeping, deceptive advertising and outright theft of funds have also been a big part of the Red Cross' recent history.

For years, the organization has been criticized for raising money for one disaster, and then withholding a large chunk of it for other operations and "fundraising. " For example, the Red Cross raised around \$50 million for the victims of the 1989 San Francisco earthquake in San Francisco, but it's estimated that only \$10 million was ever turned over to the victims.

Similar charges were made against the Red Cross following fundraising operations after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 and a San Diego fire in 2001. There was also a huge scandal involving the embezzlement of millions of dollars in donations in the New Jersey chapter in the late 1990s.

These scandals and the potentially embarrassing political fallout from them were muffled by the media and the Red Cross' political allies. But the truth couldn't be contained after September 11.

Soon after the attacks, Dr. Bernadine Healy, who was appointed president of the Red Cross in 1999, appealed for donations to help survivors and the families of those killed. In record-breaking time, the organization raised nearly \$543 million. Then the controversy began. A congressional investigation revealed that--though it had promised that all 9/11 donations would all go to victims' families--the Red Cross held back more than half of the \$543 million. During congressional hearings, Rep. Billy Tauzin (R-La.)--soon to become a lobbyist for Big Pharma--declared: "What's at issue here is that a special fund was established for these families. It was specially funded for this event, September 11. And it is being closed now because we're told enough money's been raised in it, but we're also told, by the way, we're going to give two-thirds of it away to other Red Cross needs."

Healy was forced to resign, and her successors promised to allocate all of the money to September 11 survivors and their families.

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| 31369|2010-01-15 14:46:55|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Peter/polygamy|

"...one of four husbands..."

No problem Peter, I just like to poke holes in the multiple wives thing being a viable option for women but NEVER for men to be one of a multiple husband thing. Men get pretty upset about that pretty quick, even the suggestion puts their knickers in a twist, but women don't have a choice either way.

According the latest post from Hebrew, it is not just Africans but East Asians with a lack of women so polygamy is the only viable option? It makes no sense to me regardless of the underlying causes for there being few women in the general population....so it must be a "man thing" globally....or all men think that polygamy is the answer to population problems....ROTFL!!!

Personally, I think if men would stop killing women it wouldn't BE a problem. Just using the example from Wislady, if he became a second husband all of a sudden I think his reaction would be more than being "confused" ....I could be wrong, but I don't think so.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:07 AM

Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

Peter

PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to hear her in her own words.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = Face To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, let me know....no problem.

As for Nigerians or some West Africans engaging in polygamy as a cultural norm, and now trying to become "Westernized" and condemning it.....that is due to their indigenous religion being slowly eroded by conversion to Christianity. Or, their lack of finances to afford a polygamous lifestyle.

I believe that East Africans are predominantly Islamic in modern times, so they too will consider polygamy a cultural norm and treat women as "air head", second class citizens to boot.

Thanks for the book titles, I will try to read a literary critique on-line unless you want to do that for me....no way I can afford to purchase more books at this time.

Now, Peter....do you want to discuss the benefits of multiple husbands and why men avoid the topic.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -

Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:34 AM

Yes polygamy is still considered "normal" in many parts of West Africa (e.g., Nigeria), in the sense that it is a common practice. Check out these books from the Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Half of a Yellow Sun* [set in the time of the Biafran War, 1967-70]; and *Purple Hibiscus*.

Nowadays, it is considered politically correct to condemn the practice, largely because of patronizing Western liberal thinking. I do believe that Africans themselves will come to reject and abandon it as they attempt to modernize, i.e. Westernize, and I suspect the driving force for that change will be the limited ability of the MALE to afford it.

Forgive my ignorance, but what is ROTFL?  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 10:23:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"....Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal..."  
Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social practice depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless a catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community. If it is about female genital mutilation.. ..well, that was an individual tribal "norm" and not an African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing if some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it is not normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis head of men to keep things balanced. ....don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. Women can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements.

protection, child rearing and monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:18 PM

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is for the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of the woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though that annoys the hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com

Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to do unto you is a universal principle that anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confusion as we are still human no matter what any religious, spiritual, cultural system may approve of.  
Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,

while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/should not engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have done this since time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, only for the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com

Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

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| 31370|2010-01-15 14:46:58|Ginger Daniels|Re: Donate to red cross? NO!

DISinformation?

Please tell me what about the article was false.

Please dispel any lies that were reported in this article, or you refrain from spreading DISinformation regarding what I have posted and what appears in the article.

I don't appreciate you questioning my intentions in regard to this article. The point was to prevent people from sending their money to a criminal organization such as the red cross.

Did you read the article?

Did you read that they raised over 1 billion dollars for Katrina victims? You seen N.O. lately?

Have you read about what is happening to the people there? Where did that money go?

Nothing about this article is "devisive". It is loaded with facts. If you are in the medical field you should be privy to this information. I have told all my people and continue to tell EVERYONE I know DO NOT send your money to the red cross, send it to an organization such as YELE,

Wyclef Jean's organization, or do research to find out whose there on the ground. Peace.

Hello Ginger...

please know that I am "whitcha" on a lot of things you post, but seriously... NOW is not the time to be devisive about help for Haitians.... .BUMP the Red Cross if that is not your focus. But there are other legitimate groups trying to help those people at this crisis stage which is the first 72 hours of assistance.

Only saying because I am a former medical first responder in other disasters, and DISinformation is almost as bad as the original disaster.

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 10:13:21 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Alright Peter,  
you don't want to give money to the Red Cross because of their "managerial fees"...trust me, I understand. But their organization and volunteers are already up and running, have been for years and they aren't some recent start-up group is all I am saying.  
They have people there already...if they weren't hurt in the quake, and they know the area and people whose communications were cut off and still are.  
This is not the time to reinvent the wheel or go with some new group. How about Wyclef Jean and his group? He has been working with Haiti for a couple of years already because of the hurricane damage.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:11 AM

Yes there are several NGOs out there actively trying to help. My own criterion is that whatever money I may send should go mostly (~80%) to the recipients rather than to sustain the administrative and managerial overhead of the organization itself.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 21:53:16 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!



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--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!  
To:  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 1:42 PM

The right-wing, scandal-ridden "charity" that isn't really a charity

## **The truth about the Red Cross**

October 21, 2005 | Page 4

FOR MANY people, the American Red Cross is the very embodiment of lifesaving. Its bold red emblem is imprinted on the sides of vehicles that appear at natural disasters, storms or fires, to take care of the survivors. Millions of Americans donate blood or hard-earned pay to the organization each year, or during special appeals like after the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

But as JOE ALLEN reveals, the real story of the Red Cross isn't nearly as noble and humanitarian as the image.

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IN RECENT years, the image of the Red Cross has been tarnished. The worst scandal came after the September 11 attacks, when it was revealed that a large portion of the hundreds of millions of dollars donated to the organization went not to survivors or family members of those killed, but to other Red Cross operations, in what was described by chapters across the country as a "bait-and-switch" operation. Recently, long-simmering concerns about the Red Cross' disaster relief operations were expressed by Richard Walden, of the humanitarian group Operation USA, in the *Los Angeles Times*--prompting a vitriolic response by the Red Cross.

But these recent scandals are nothing new for the Red Cross. In fact, the whole history of the organization is one gigantic scandal--stretching from its racist policies toward African Americans to its corporate mentality toward human beings.

It is a tribute to the feebleness of the U.S. media--and the Red Cross' powerful Republican allies--that an institution with such a dubious history continues as the symbol of "humanitarian leadership," when it should have been replaced by a far

more effective agency decades ago.

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THE HURRICANE Katrina catastrophe on the Gulf Coast has revealed the same old problems with the Red Cross. In late September, the organization was ordered out of a suburban Atlanta relief center because, according to the *New York Times*, its "application process had resulted in long lines and the group had made false promises of financial payments."

In an even more bizarre incident in Chicago, students were turned away from volunteering for a multi-agency relief center because they refused to sign a loyalty oath to the U.S. government!

Some more scrutiny of the Red Cross is beginning to take place. As Richard Walden, of Operation USA, wrote in the *Los Angeles Times*, "Its fundraising vastly outruns its programs because it does very little or nothing to rescue survivors, provide direct medical care or rebuild houses."

Walden noted (and the Red Cross now confirms) that the organization has raised \$1 billion in pledges and gifts for hurricane relief. He also revealed that "FEMA and the affected states are reimbursing the Red Cross under pre-existing contracts for emergency shelter and other disaster services. The existence of these contracts is no secret to anyone but the American public."

How many people would donate to the Red Cross if they knew all this?

In the richest country in the history of the world, it is a travesty that such an organization is responsible for lifesaving. We deserve so much better.

THE AMERICAN Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, who became famous during the Civil War for organizing the distribution of food and medical supplies to Union Army soldiers. The Red Cross is specifically mandated, according to its Congressional charter adopted in 1905, to "carry out a system of national and international relief in time of peace, and apply that system in mitigating the suffering caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods and other great national calamities, and to devise and carry out measures preventing those calamities." The organization was also to carry out its work in accordance with the Geneva Conventions concerning the treatment of prisoners of war. Later, the Red Cross would also be entrusted with control of a large part of the nation's blood supply.

But who got relief after disasters has always been affected by the racism that has been part of the Red Cross' long history.

For example, during the Great 1927 Flood that destroyed large parts of the Mississippi Delta and Louisiana, Black farm laborers and sharecroppers without a doubt suffered the most. As John Barry documents in his epic history of the flood, *Rising Tide*, delta plantation owners refused to evacuate them out of the region for fear--rightly--that most wouldn't return to their miserable, slave-like conditions.

The Red Cross came in to provide temporary housing and food aid. What African Americans of the Delta got was prison-like camps where they were routinely beaten by white, racist National Guardsmen. Food distributed by the Red Cross was given to whites first, and if anything was left, it went to Black survivors.

On the eve of the Second World War, the Red Cross stockpiled large amounts of blood because of techniques developed by the brilliant African American scientist Dr. Charles Drew. Drew himself became director of the Red Cross's Blood Bank in 1941, but resigned his position after the War Department ordered that the blood of Black and white donors be segregated.

Drew called the order "a stupid blunder," but the Red Cross complied and imposed Jim Crow in the blood supply. The Red Cross even initially refused to accept the donation of blood by African Americans at the beginning of the war effort--though it was willing to accept cash donations from them. Throughout the war, the NAACP investigated complaints by Black servicemen of racist treatment by Red Cross.

The Red Cross desegregated the blood supply after the Second World War nationally, but it allowed its Southern chapters to continue segregating blood through the 1960s.

People who think of the Red Cross as a "private charity" would be shocked to discover its actual legal status.

Congress incorporated the Red Cross to act under "government supervision." Eight of the 50 members of its board of governors are appointed by the president of the United States, who also serves as honorary chairperson. Currently, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security are members of the board of governors.

This unique, quasi-governmental status allows the Red Cross to purchase supplies from the military and use government facilities-- military personnel can actually be assigned to duty with the Red Cross. Last year, the organization received \$60 million in grants from federal and state governments. However, as one federal court noted, "A perception that the organization is independent and neutral is equally vital."

The leading administrators and officials of the Red Cross are almost always drawn from the corporate boardroom or the military high command. Among the past chairs and presidents of the Red Cross are seven former generals or admirals and one ex-president.

The current president Marty Evans is a retired rear admiral and a director of the investment firm Lehman Brothers Holdings. Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, the chair of the Red Cross, is also CEO of Pace Communications, whose clients include United Airlines, Delta Air Lines and AT&T--a group of companies known for their vicious treatment of workers.

The Red Cross has become particularly tied up with the Republican Party in recent decades. Both McElveen-Hunter and Evans are Bush appointees-- for her part, McElveen-Hunter has donated over \$130,000 to the Republican Party since 2000.

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THOUGH IT is technically a nonprofit, the Red Cross is run more like profit-hungry corporation than what most people think a "charity" would act like. The most deadly example of this was the Red Cross' criminally negligent response to the early stages of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s.

The Red Cross has been for many decades, and remains today, the largest blood bank in the country. In 1982 and especially 1983, when it would have possible to

contain the outbreak--or at least stop the spread of the disease through infusions of infected blood--major blood banks, led by the Red Cross, opposed national testing of blood for HIV.

The Red Cross' opposition was based on the financial cost. As investigative journalist Judith Reitman wrote in her book *Bad Blood*: "It appeared it would be cheaper to pay off infected blood recipients, should they pursue legal action, than to up the Red Cross blood supply."

Earlier this year, the Canadian Red Cross pleaded guilty to distributing contaminated blood supplies that infected thousands of Canadians with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s. This scandal is a large part of why the Canadian Red Cross was removed from running the country's blood supply in the late 1990s--but not the American Red Cross.

Enron-style bookkeeping, deceptive advertising and outright theft of funds have also been a big part of the Red Cross' recent history.

For years, the organization has been criticized for raising money for one disaster, and then withholding a large chunk of it for other operations and "fundraising." For example, the Red Cross raised around \$50 million for the victims of the 1989 San Francisco earthquake in San Francisco, but it's estimated that only \$10 million was ever turned over to the victims.

Similar charges were made against the Red Cross following fundraising operations after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 and a San Diego fire in 2001. There was also a huge scandal involving the embezzlement of millions of dollars in donations in the New Jersey chapter in the late 1990s.

These scandals and the potentially embarrassing political fallout from them were muffled by the media and the Red Cross' political allies. But the truth couldn't be contained after September 11.

Soon after the attacks, Dr. Bernadine Healy, who was appointed president of the Red Cross in 1999, appealed for donations to help survivors and the families of those killed. In record-breaking time, the organization raised nearly \$543 million. Then the controversy began. A congressional investigation revealed that--though it had promised that all 9/11 donations would all go to victims' families--the Red Cross held back more than half of the \$543 million. During congressional hearings, Rep. Billy Tauzin (R-La.)--soon to become a lobbyist for Big Pharma--declared: "What's at issue here is that a special fund was established for these families. It was specially funded for this event, September 11. And it is being closed now because we're told enough money's been raised in it, but we're also told, by the way, we're going to give two-thirds of it away to other Red Cross needs."

Healy was forced to resign, and her successors promised to allocate all of the money to September 11 survivors and their families.

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## Avatar: An Extension of White Supremacy

As read by the author Frederick Alexander Meade

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| 31372|2010-01-15 14:47:39|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Talking Heads' and Haiti....|

Well I have to concur.... "In times of great crisis...people can say some really stupid things..."

Now what are the chances that the Obama administration will divert donations to their campaign fund rather than sending money to Haiti? I think it is time to muzzle some of the talking heads, especially when they make no common sense.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Personal Message: Sheesh....

## **Talking heads' comments about Haiti draw fire from both sides**

By Paul Farhi

Friday, January 15, 2010; C01

Well, that didn't take long.

The catastrophic [earthquake](#) in Haiti has already elicited a number of controversial statements from some of America's best-known talking heads. Rush Limbaugh, the Rev. Pat Robertson and Keith Olbermann generated outrage, from the left and the right, for comments that variously tied the massive tragedy to President Obama, the Devil and the need for health-care reform, respectively.

Mere hours after the island nation was devastated by the quake, Robertson suggested on his "700 Club" program Wednesday night that



the disaster was payback for a "pact with the Devil" that Haitian slaves made to gain their independence from France more than 200 years ago: "Something happened a long time ago in Haiti and people might not want to talk about it," the televangelist said. "And they got together and swore a pact to the Devil. They said, 'We will serve you if you'll get us free from the French.' True story. And so the Devil said, 'Okay, it's a deal.' . . . But ever since they have been cursed by one thing after another."

The comments -- reminiscent of Robertson's statements blaming gays and secular liberals for Hurricane Katrina and the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks -- brought widespread condemnation from other commentators on TV and online.

Fox News anchor Shepard Smith played a clip of Robertson's comments and offered this take: "The people of Haiti have been used and abused by their governments over the years. They have dealt with unthinkable tragedy, day in and day out. And we're in the middle of a crisis that the Western Hemisphere has not seen in my lifetime. And 700 miles east of Miami, hundreds of thousands of desperate human beings need our help, our support, our money and our love. And they don't need that."

Limbaugh generated criticism during his Wednesday afternoon radio broadcast by saying Obama would seek to score political points with African Americans by getting out in front of the relief effort.

"This will play right into Obama's hands -- humanitarian, compassionate," Limbaugh said. "They'll use this to burnish their, shall we say, credibility with the black community, in both the light-skinned and dark-skinned black community in this country. It's made to order for him."

The "light-skinned" and "dark-skinned" remarks were apparently alluding to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid's (D-Nev.) reference before the 2008 campaign that Obama's light skin would make him palatable to more voters.

Limbaugh was equally suspicious and cynical about Obama's call for donations. When a caller to his program noted that Obama had directed people to the White House's Web site (<http://Whitehouse.gov>),

Limbaugh replied, "Would you trust that the money is going to go Haiti? But would you trust that your name's gonna end up on a mailing list for the Obama people to start asking you for campaign donations for him and other causes?"

He added, "Besides, we've already donated to Haiti. It's called the U.S. income tax."

On Thursday, White House press secretary Robert Gibbs responded to Limbaugh's comments, saying, "In times of great crisis, there are always people that say really stupid things. I don't know how anybody could sit where he does, having enjoyed the success that he has, and not feel some measure of sorrow for what has happened in Haiti."

Tim Graham, director of media analysis for the conservative Media

Research Center in Alexandria, noted the speed with which political rhetoric has colored the unfolding humanitarian disaster. "Every public event becomes a political event, it seems," he said in an interview.

"There's a political calculation to everything. The timing on [these remarks] is certainly raw." Widespread political criticism of President George W. Bush after Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Graham said, "didn't really kick in until four to five days" after the storm.

While he called Robertson's comments "wacky" and "pseudo history," Graham gave a pass to Limbaugh. "It reminds me of what [Limbaugh] said about Ted Kennedy's death: 'Watch [Democrats] use his death to push health-care reform.' They literally did what Rush Limbaugh predicted. You can say that what he said about Kennedy was impolite, but it ended up being correct. I think Obama *will* use this to shore up his base." He dismissed the "light-skinned" comment as "just cheesy humor."

Graham instead criticized MSNBC host Olbermann for comments on his Wednesday night program that tied the situation in Haiti to the effort to reform health care in the United States. During an interview with Rep. Anthony Weiner (D-N.Y.) on the program, Olbermann said, "I don't want to turn this into something about domestic politics, but I think it's a good frame of reference in terms of the health-care issue that we always talk about. We could easily have a natural disaster, if not quite on this scale, at least in the same broad ballpark. . . . I was thinking about this -- and maybe it's inappropriate, and tell me if I'm inappropriate in asking it -- but how would survivors of something like this here fare in terms of getting on their own feet economically afterwards, with the health-care system we have in place right now?"

Olbermann also offered this about Limbaugh and Robertson on his program: "And I would wish you to hell. But knowing how empty your souls must be for you to be able to say such things in a time of such pain, I suspect the vacant, purposeless lives you both live now are hell enough already."

Said Graham, "I would argue that Limbaugh is cynical but Olbermann has more rage."

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| 31373|2010-01-15 14:49:37|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Hebrew/polygamy|

"...due to the shortage of women..."

Interesting Hebrew, China I know has a shortage of women because of their one child law and the killing of infant girls because they favor boy births...I ain't figured that one out yet. The other countries you mentioned has a shortage of women because.....?

If you know of a link or article please let me know what it is. Besides natural disasters of some sort, I can't think of any reason(s) why they would have a woman shortage, but polygamy is not the answer IMO, because it would appear to deprive other men of getting a wife since there are more men than women.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com, "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:23 AM

polygamy is common practice in Nepal, parts of China, Tibet, Bhutan, & other countries around there due to the shortage of women.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 10:07:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

Peter

PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to hear her in her own words.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = Face To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, let me know....no problem.

As for Nigerians or some West Africans engaging in polygamy as a cultural norm, and now trying to become "Westernized" and condemning it.....that is due to their indigenous religion being slowly eroded by conversion to Christianity. Or, their lack of finances to afford a polygamous lifestyle.

I believe that East Africans are predominantly Islamic in modern times, so they too will consider polygamy a cultural norm and treat women as "air head", second class citizens to boot.

Thanks for the book titles, I will try to read a literary critique on-line unless you want to do that for me....no way I can afford to purchase more books at this time.

Now, Peter....do you want to discuss the benefits of multiple husbands and why men avoid the topic.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:34 AM

Yes polygamy is still considered "normal" in many parts of West Africa (e.g., Nigeria), in the sense that it is a common practice. Check out these books from the Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Half of a Yellow Sun* [set in the time of the Biafran War, 1967-70]; and *Purple Hibiscus*.

Nowadays, it is considered politically correct to condemn the practice, largely because of patronizing Western liberal thinking. I do believe that Africans themselves will come to reject and abandon it as they attempt to modernize, i.e. Westernize, and I suspect the driving force for that change will be the limited ability of the MALE to afford it.

Forgive my ignorance, but what is ROTFL?  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 10:23:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"....Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal..."  
Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social practice depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless a catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community. If it is about female genital mutilation... well, that was an individual tribal "norm" and not an African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing if some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it is not normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis head of men to keep things balanced. "...don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground." Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. Women can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements, protection, child rearing and monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:18 PM

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly

Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant to as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com)  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is for the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of a woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though that annoys a hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com)  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to do unto you is a universal principle anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confusion. We are still human no matter what any religious, spiritual, cultural system may approve of.

Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/should not engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have done this time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, only for the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

<http://www.blogtalk radio.com/ egyptianvoodoo priest/2010/ 01/07/polygamy- shouldnt- we click above>



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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| 31374|2010-01-15 14:50:38|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Donate to red cross? NO!|

"...or you refrain from spreading DISinformation.."

Hello Ginger,

the article isn't false, and I have no great love for the Red Cross managers and their theft of donations which is WELL documented...been there, even lived next door to a corporate office which was a joke IMO. I worked with the R C volunteers on occasions and they were sincere in wanting to help disaster victims, but got stabbed in the back by their own corporate managers and "start up" swindlers claiming to be "Red Cross volunteers" or "victims" themselves.

Nope, haven't been to NOLA lately, but I know those folks are still suffering from the LACK of response viewed around the globe...most embarrassing to me as a healthcare worker, but not a "surprise" really. It IS the South still, and the mind-set hasn't changed much at all from the days of slavery IMO.

To return to "DISinformation" regarding Haiti...those folks have NO information coming in at all because they have no electricity, and no fuel/travel....ala NOLA and Mississippi who seldom gets mentioned in the media, because only the poor were MOST effected.

"...questioning my intentions in regard to this article..."

I am not questioning your intentions about this or any other articles you send, and you can of course advise others not to donate to the Red Cross at all....no problem with me. But in your original post you didn't give an alternative group to send money to and those people need help now, ...

but thanks for the reply.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!  
To: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Cc: "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 12:51 PM

DISinformation?

Please tell me what about the article was false.

Please dispel any lies that were reported in this article, or you refrain from spreading DISinformation regarding what I have posted and what appears in the article.  
I dont appreciate you questioning my intentions in regard to this article. The point was to prevent people from sending their money to a criminal organization such as the red cross.

Did you read the article?

Did you read that they raised over 1 billion dollars for Katrina victims? You seen N.O. lately? Have you read about what is happening to the people there? Where did that money go?

Nothing about this article is "devisive". It is loaded with facts. If you are in the medical field you should be privy to this information. I have told all my people and continue to tell EVERYONE I know DO NOT send your money to the red cross, send it to an organization such as YELE, Wyclef Jean's organization, or do research to find out whose there on the ground. Peace.

Hello Ginger...

please know that I am "whitcha" on a lot of things you post, but seriously... NOW is not the time to be devisive about help for Haitians.... .BUMP the Red Cross if that is not your focus. But there are other legitimate groups trying to help those people at this crisis stage which is the first 72 hours of assistance.

Only saying because I am a former medical first responder in other disasters, and DISinformation is almost as bad as the original disaster.

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 10:13:21 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Alright Peter,

you don't want to give money to the Red Cross because of their "managerial fees"...trust me, I understand. But their organization and volunteers are already up and running, have been for years and they aren't some recent start-up group is all I am saying.

They have people there already...if they weren't hurt in the quake, and they know the area and people whose communications were cut off and still are.

This is not the time to reinvent the wheel or go with some new group. How about Wyclef Jean and his group? He has been working with Haiti for a couple of years already because of the hurricane damage.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!  
To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:11 AM

Yes there are several NGOs out there actively trying to help. My own criterion is that whatever money I may send should go mostly (~80%) to the recipients rather than to sustain the administrative and managerial overhead of the organization itself.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 21:53:16 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!

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--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Donate to red cross? NO!  
To:  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 1:42 PM

The right-wing, scandal-ridden "charity" that isn't really a charity

## **The truth about the Red Cross**

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FOR MANY people, the American Red Cross is the very embodiment of lifesaving. Its bold red emblem is imprinted on the sides of vehicles that appear at natural disasters, storms or fires, to take care of the survivors. Millions of Americans donate blood or hard-earned pay to the organization each year, or during special appeals like after the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

But as JOE ALLEN reveals, the real story of the Red Cross isn't nearly as noble and humanitarian as the image.

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IN RECENT years, the image of the Red Cross has been tarnished. The worst scandal came after the September 11 attacks, when it was revealed that a large



portion of the hundreds of millions of dollars donated to the organization went not to survivors or family members of those killed, but to other Red Cross operations, in what was described by chapters across the country as a "bait-and-switch" operation. Recently, long-simmering concerns about the Red Cross' disaster relief operations were expressed by Richard Walden, of the humanitarian group Operation USA, in the *Los Angeles Times*--prompting a vitriolic response by the Red Cross.

But these recent scandals are nothing new for the Red Cross. In fact, the whole history of the organization is one gigantic scandal--stretching from its racist policies toward African Americans to its corporate mentality toward human beings.

It is a tribute to the feebleness of the U.S. media--and the Red Cross' powerful Republican allies--that an institution with such a dubious history continues as the symbol of "humanitarian leadership," when it should have been replaced by a far more effective agency decades ago.

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THE HURRICANE Katrina catastrophe on the Gulf Coast has revealed the same old problems with the Red Cross. In late September, the organization was ordered out of a suburban Atlanta relief center because, according to the *New York Times*, its "application process had resulted in long lines and the group had made false promises of financial payments."

In an even more bizarre incident in Chicago, students were turned away from volunteering for a multi-agency relief center because they refused to sign a loyalty oath to the U.S. government!

Some more scrutiny of the Red Cross is beginning to take place. As Richard Walden, of Operation USA, wrote in the *Los Angeles Times*, "Its fundraising vastly outruns its programs because it does very little or nothing to rescue survivors, provide direct medical care or rebuild houses."

Walden noted (and the Red Cross now confirms) that the organization has raised \$1 billion in pledges and gifts for hurricane relief. He also revealed that "FEMA and the affected states are reimbursing the Red Cross under pre-existing contracts for emergency shelter and other disaster services. The existence of these contracts is no secret to anyone but the American public."

How many people would donate to the Red Cross if they knew all this?

In the richest country in the history of the world, it is a travesty that such an organization is responsible for lifesaving. We deserve so much better.

THE AMERICAN Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, who became famous during the Civil War for organizing the distribution of food and medical supplies to Union Army soldiers. The Red Cross is specifically mandated, according to its Congressional charter adopted in 1905, to "carry out a system of national and international relief in time of peace, and apply that system in mitigating the suffering caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods and other great national calamities, and to devise and carry out measures preventing those calamities." The organization was also to carry out its work in accordance with the Geneva Conventions concerning the treatment of prisoners of war. Later, the

Red Cross would also be entrusted with control of a large part of the nation's blood supply.

But who got relief after disasters has always been affected by the racism that has been part of the Red Cross' long history.

For example, during the Great 1927 Flood that destroyed large parts of the Mississippi Delta and Louisiana, Black farm laborers and sharecroppers without a doubt suffered the most. As John Barry documents in his epic history of the flood, *Rising Tide*, delta plantation owners refused to evacuate them out of the region for fear--rightly--that most wouldn't return to their miserable, slave-like conditions.

The Red Cross came in to provide temporary housing and food aid. What African Americans of the Delta got was prison-like camps where they were routinely beaten by white, racist National Guardsmen. Food distributed by the Red Cross was given to whites first, and if anything was left, it went to Black survivors.

On the eve of the Second World War, the Red Cross stockpiled large amounts of blood because of techniques developed by the brilliant African American scientist Dr. Charles Drew. Drew himself became director of the Red Cross's Blood Bank in 1941, but resigned his position after the War Department ordered that the blood of Black and white donors be segregated.

Drew called the order "a stupid blunder," but the Red Cross complied and imposed Jim Crow in the blood supply. The Red Cross even initially refused to accept the donation of blood by African Americans at the beginning of the war effort--though it was willing to accept cash donations from them. Throughout the war, the NAACP investigated complaints by Black servicemen of racist treatment by Red Cross.

The Red Cross desegregated the blood supply after the Second World War nationally, but it allowed its Southern chapters to continue segregating blood through the 1960s.

People who think of the Red Cross as a "private charity" would be shocked to discover its actual legal status.

Congress incorporated the Red Cross to act under "government supervision." Eight of the 50 members of its board of governors are appointed by the president of the United States, who also serves as honorary chairperson. Currently, the Secretaries of State and Homeland Security are members of the board of governors.

This unique, quasi-governmental status allows the Red Cross to purchase supplies from the military and use government facilities-- military personnel can actually be assigned to duty with the Red Cross. Last year, the organization received \$60 million in grants from federal and state governments. However, as one federal court noted, "A perception that the organization is independent and neutral is equally vital."

The leading administrators and officials of the Red Cross are almost always drawn from the corporate boardroom or the military high command. Among the past chairs and presidents of the Red Cross are seven former generals or admirals and one ex-president.

The current president Marty Evans is a retired rear admiral and a director of the

investment firm Lehman Brothers Holdings. Bonnie McElveen-Hunter, the chair of the Red Cross, is also CEO of Pace Communications, whose clients include United Airlines, Delta Air Lines and AT&T--a group of companies known for their vicious treatment of workers.

The Red Cross has become particularly tied up with the Republican Party in recent decades. Both McElveen-Hunter and Evans are Bush appointees-- for her part, McElveen-Hunter has donated over \$130,000 to the Republican Party since 2000.

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THOUGH IT is technically a nonprofit, the Red Cross is run more like profit-hungry corporation than what most people think a "charity" would act like. The most deadly example of this was the Red Cross' criminally negligent response to the early stages of the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s.

The Red Cross has been for many decades, and remains today, the largest blood bank in the country. In 1982 and especially 1983, when it would have possible to contain the outbreak--or at least stop the spread of the disease through infusions of infected blood--major blood banks, led by the Red Cross, opposed national testing of blood for HIV.

The Red Cross' opposition was based on the financial cost. As investigative journalist Judith Reitman wrote in her book *Bad Blood*: "It appeared it would be cheaper to pay off infected blood recipients, should they pursue legal action, than to up the Red Cross blood supply."

Earlier this year, the Canadian Red Cross pleaded guilty to distributing contaminated blood supplies that infected thousands of Canadians with HIV and hepatitis C in the 1980s. This scandal is a large part of why the Canadian Red Cross was removed from running the country's blood supply in the late 1990s--but not the American Red Cross.

Enron-style bookkeeping, deceptive advertising and outright theft of funds have also been a big part of the Red Cross' recent history.

For years, the organization has been criticized for raising money for one disaster, and then withholding a large chunk of it for other operations and "fundraising. " For example, the Red Cross raised around \$50 million for the victims of the 1989 San Francisco earthquake in San Francisco, but it's estimated that only \$10 million was ever turned over to the victims.

Similar charges were made against the Red Cross following fundraising operations after the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 and a San Diego fire in 2001. There was also a huge scandal involving the embezzlement of millions of dollars in donations in the New Jersey chapter in the late 1990s.

These scandals and the potentially embarrassing political fallout from them were muffled by the media and the Red Cross' political allies. But the truth couldn't be contained after September 11.

Soon after the attacks, Dr. Bernadine Healy, who was appointed president of the Red Cross in 1999, appealed for donations to help survivors and the families of those killed. In record-breaking time, the organization raised nearly \$543 million. Then the controversy began. A congressional investigation revealed that--though it had promised that all 9/11 donations would all go to victims' families--the Red Cross held back more than half of the \$543 million. During congressional

hearings, Rep. Billy Tauzin (R-La.)--soon to become a lobbyist for Big Pharma--declared: "What's at issue here is that a special fund was established for these families. It was specially funded for this event, September 11. And it is being closed now because we're told enough money's been raised in it, but we're also told, by the way, we're going to give two-thirds of it away to other Red Cross needs."

Healy was forced to resign, and her successors promised to allocate all of the money to September 11 survivors and their families.

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| 31375|2010-01-15 14:51:24|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: For Top of the Morning Natchez Democrat about Haiti and your art|



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10**, [forksyaroads@aol.com](mailto:forksyaroads@aol.com) [forksyaroads@aol.com](mailto:forksyaroads@aol.com) wrote:

From: forksyaroads@aol.com

Subject: For Top of the Morning Natchez Democrat about Haiti and your article headlines

To: ben.hillyer@natchezdemocrat.com, julie.finley@natchezdemocrat.com, kevin.cooper@natchezdemocrat.com, newsroom@natchezdemocrat.com

Cc: hannapub@bellsouth.net

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 4:08 PM

Your Friday Morning news article headline about helping the earthquake victims of Haiti was insulting to say the least. How could your paper even phantom the idea to print such an outrageous misleading headline: Red Cross ready to help Haiti if needed!

The whole world knows Haiti needs all the help the world can share and more, due to the wholesale devastation of the physical structures of homes, schools, hospitals,

government buildings, other buildings and the huge amount of injuries and loss of human lives.

Your headline in my mind tended to be confusing and could have given an impression to some readers that immediate humanitarian help is not needed in Haiti!

What is more disheartening were comments about what the Federal authorities are saying and doing, as well as perceptions about the safety of people going to Haiti to help out.

Yes! People in Haiti need help from many sources, politics and personal beliefs aside. For persons who will not wait until whatever, I have located a reliable and hands-on the ground been in Haiti for years helping children source to which you can make monetary and materials contributions.

The in the United States working partner for this Haitian on the ground source is the long time Community Bookstore institution in New Orleans Louisiana.

The New Orleans community long since associated with "Sister Vera" and her Community Bookstore came together January 15, 2010 and they decided to carry out a "coordinated effort rather than have people making scattered efforts."

The vehicle for providing a one stop umbrella source for getting funds and supplies directly on the ground at the grassroots people levels is the well known community based foundation in Haiti.

It is named The Hope For Haitians Children Foundation. It is operated by the long time New Orleans friend Sister Marie Jose Poux in Haiti.

The Community Bookstore in New Orleans maintains a warehouse where they have collected material donations and shipped them to the Foundation over the years.

They are now accepting the most needed items asked for by the Hope For Haitians Children Foundation on the ground in Haiti.

These items are medical supplies (pain relievers for children and adults, alcohol, bandages, etc.), staple dry food goods, tents, generators, flashlights, batteries and just about anything you can think of that children and their parents can use immediately.

Your monetary donations are to be made to the order of: Hope for Haitians Children Foundation.

Send in c/o: Community Bookstore 2523 Bayou Road New Orleans, La. 70119.

Phone contact for the New Orleans Vice President of the Hope for Haitians Children Foundation is: 504-948-0159 at the Community Bookstore. You can call them and check them out!

Persons having material donations who wish to drop them off for the Foundation's warehouse shipment from New Orleans to Haiti, can drop material donations at 2523 Bayou Road New Orleans.

I have provided this people helping people aid to go directly to the people in need information in the same manner as I did when directing relief supplies and funds to on the ground communities devastated by hurricane Katrina.

And in the same manner I have been known to do since the 1960's community action services programs I operated in California.

If you have something to share, thank God for the blessings of sharing..

Ser Seshs Ab Heter-CM Boxley, Natchez Ms.

## Red Cross ready to help in Haiti

By [Emily Ham \(Contact\)](#) | The Natchez Democrat

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**NATCHEZ The Adams County Chapter of the American Red Cross is ready to help in Haiti if needed.**

"We are keeping contact with national headquarters. If (the international Red Cross) needs anything other than the supplies they have on hand, they will call on the chapters in the U.S.," Chapter Executive Director Debra Davis said.

While time will tell what supplies are needed in Haiti as rescue efforts continue and rebuilding begins after Tuesday's devastating earthquake, there is one resource the country is in need of right now money.

"We have a Web site where an individual can go donate funds toward patient relief [american.redcross.org/haiti](http://american.redcross.org/haiti)," Davis said.

Federal authorities have said at this time only search and rescue personnel, equipment and supplies are being allowed into the country.

The state of Mississippi has a Web site listing way in which local residents can help [www.governorbarbour.com/haitirelief/](http://www.governorbarbour.com/haitirelief/).

Davis said monetary donations are something anyone can offer, but there are select individuals that could be called on to do more if the International Red Cross calls on them.

"For the U.S., what we can do is donate funds because at this point, they are going to call on their most experienced (disaster relief) workers," Davis said.

Among Adams County volunteers, Davis said there are a handful of local people with the field experience needed.

Natchez resident and retired nurse Ann Thornhill is one of those people.

However, Thornhill said she doesn't believe she'll be making a trip to Haiti.

"(As of Thursday), the American Red Cross is not sending anyone. It would be handled through the International Red Cross," Thornhill said.

Thornhill said the American Red Cross is a member of the International Red Cross, but it usually aids through collecting and sending money to disaster sites when it is needed.

**"Maybe a month or so down the line when things are safer** for our people, volunteers could be sent," Thornhill said. "Most of our people are retired and (the American Red Cross) always puts safety first."

Thornhill has worked with the Red Cross for 12 years and helped during the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, at Ground Zero and during hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and George, Tropical Storm Allison and floods in Iowa and Oklahoma. Thornhill said many disasters have common elements of disorder, and Haiti is probably experiencing many of them.

"It's probably total chaos (in Haiti). **There is a great deal of danger involved in volunteering because there are so many prisoners loose**," Thornhill said.

"There are diseases and they have no medicine right now, and with the warmer weather coming, (bodies) are going to start decomposing and there are going to be more diseases."

Natchez resident Lee Jones, and owner of J.M. Jones Lumber Company, said during his experience in the Caribbean, he has come close to the Haitian border, but never entered the country.

"My son got married (in the Dominican Republic) about three years ago and (my wife and I) traveled while we were there. But we never set foot in Haiti. They don't recommend that tourists go there. They say it's unsanitary, and it's not real safe," Jones said.

Jones said he traveled within 20 miles of the county's border and was amazed at the poverty he saw in the surrounding area.

"They were living with total and utter poverty before this earthquake hit," Jones said. "The houses they build are made of tin and with no structural re-enforcement whatsoever.

"(The country has) so many people in such a small area and a history of anarchy that they never get tourism.

The international Red Cross estimated 45,000 to 50,000 people were killed in Tuesday's cataclysmic earthquake, based on information from the Haitian Red Cross and government officials.

Recovery teams resorted to using bulldozers to transport loads of dead..

The 7.0-magnitude quake struck late Tuesday afternoon.

| 31376|2010-01-15 16:03:26|shirley parker|Re: Fw: [SOA] New Aol video - You Tube Censored this video - Avatar:|

Lamar, thank you very much. I just heard this exact same thing yesterday, it is amazing the extent a ppl will go through to announce superiority. Personally I feel if a ppl have to go through such extreme on a dailey basis to be made to feel superior...there has to be an emptiness on the inside. Must be exhaustive work!

I will pass this on even though I feel the word is diffinitely out there.

**Stay well.....~shirley parker~**

**sin: "to miss the point of human existence"**

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Lamar Perryman** wrote:

From: Lamar Perryman

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SOA] New Aol video - You Tube Censored this video -

Avatar: An Extension of White Supremacy

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Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 4:03 PM

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Frederick Alexander Meade** wrote:

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Subject: [SOA] New Aol video - You Tube Censored this video - Avatar: An Extension of White Supremacy

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As read by the author Frederick Alexander Meade

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| 31377|2010-01-16 11:30:55|cristofori whitakara|Re: [Ta\_Seti] Israel's treatment of Ethiopians 'racist'|

one example of where is in the articles posted.

--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:



From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Israel's treatment of Ethiopians 'racist'  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 5:20 PM

Hello Cristofori... ..

where are you hearing/reading that european Jews call themselves the "Ashkenazi"?

I hear/read the term in several places but it was the American Indians at one time...don't quote on that one, I could be totally wrong...that was a "lost tribe" of some sort. Then it was the Ethiopians that were taken to (?) South America and traced to Jewish ancestry because of their similar customs and some terms.

I think I may have an old article that explains a DNA search for this lost tribe of Jews. If I find it I will forward to the forum.

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, cristofori whitakara** wrote:

From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Israel's treatment of Ethiopians 'racist'  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 3:56 PM

i find this interesting that the european jews call themselves ashkenazi and in the torah it s ashkenazi are gentiles?

--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, Li (wiseladyowl)** wrote:

From: Li (wiseladyowl)  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Israel's treatment of Ethiopians 'racist'  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 8:09 PM

It's so sad they "pretended" to be accepting of their fellow hebrew ppl's but instead wanted look good than hurt them so predictable. We need to know that we are still not any one's p only tools to use than discard when no longer needed, oh well more of the same ole same. Peace and light

--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Israel's treatment of Ethiopians 'racist'  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 5:05 PM

Hello Ginger,

thanks for sending this article (which I copied below, along with some reader's comments) am just shaking my head that people still follow the same "race rules" regardless of religion, geography or time in human history.

Even in the heart of Africa, blacks are still the FIRST on the list for elimination/ genocide.

Thanks again.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Israel's treatment of Ethiopians 'racist'

To:

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 12:13 AM

Ginger thought you would be interested in this story.

Israel's treatment of Ethiopians 'racist'

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## Israel's treatment of Ethiopians 'racist'

Jonathan Cook, Foreign Correspondent

- Last Updated: January 05. 2010 11:43PM UAE / January 5. 2010 7:43PM GMT

Ethiopian Jews are reported to face widespread discrimination in jobs, housing and education in Israel. AP Photo

NAZARETH, Israel // Health officials in Israel are subjecting many female Ethiopian immigrants to a controversial long-term birth control drug in what Israeli women's groups allege is a racist policy to reduce the number of black babies.

The contraceptive, known as Depo Provera, which is given by injection every three months, is considered by many doctors as a birth control method of last resort because of problems treating its side effects.

However, according to a report published last week, use of the contraceptive by Israeli doctors has risen threefold over the past few years. Figures show that 57 per cent of Depo Provera users in Israel are Ethiopian, even though the community accounts for less than two per cent of the total population.

About 90,000 Ethiopians have been brought to Israel under the Law of Return since the 1980s, but their Jewishness has subsequently been questioned by some rabbis and is doubted by many ordinary Israelis.

Ethiopians are reported to face widespread discrimination in jobs, housing and education and it recently emerged that their blood donations were routinely discarded.

"This is about reducing the number of births in a community that is black and mostly poor," said Hedva Eyal, the author of the report by Woman to Woman, a feminist organisation based in Haifa, in northern Israel. "The unspoken policy is that only children who are white and Ashkenazi are wanted in Israel," she said, referring to the term for European Jews who founded Israel and continue to dominate its institutions.

Women's groups were alerted to the widespread use of Depo Provera in the Ethiopian community in 2008 when Rachel Mangoli, who runs a day care centre for 120 Ethiopian children in Bnei Braq, a suburb of Tel Aviv, observed that she had received only one new child in the previous three years.

"I started to think about how strange the situation was after I had to send back donated baby clothes because there was no one in the community to give them to," she said.

She approached a local health clinic serving the 55 Ethiopian families in Bnei Braq and was told by the clinic manager that they had been instructed to administer Depo Provera injections to the women of child-bearing age, though he refused to say who had issued the order.

Ms Mangoli, who interviewed the women, said: "They had not been told about alternative forms of contraception or about the side effects or given medical follow-ups." The women complained of a wide range of side effects associated with the drug, including headaches, abdominal pain, fatigue, nausea, loss of libido and general burning sensations.

Depo Provera is also known to decrease bone density, especially among dark-skinned women, which can lead to osteoporosis in later life. Doctors are concerned that it is difficult or impossible to help women who experience severe side effects because the drug is in their system for months after it is injected.

The contraceptive's reputation has also been tarnished by its association with South Africa, where the apartheid government had used it, often coercively, to limit the fertility of black

women.

Traditionally, its main uses have been for women who are regarded as incapable of controlling their own reproduction or monitor other forms of birth control, and for women who suffer severe problems during menstruation.

Ms Eyal said she had been denied co-operation from government ministries, doctors and most of the health insurance companies while conducting her research.

Clalit, the largest health company, however, did provide figures showing that 57 per cent of its Depo Provera users were Ethiopian compared with a handful of women in other ethnic groups.

The health ministry was unavailable for comment.

When first questioned about Depo Provera in June 2008, the health minister of the time, Yaacov Ben Yezri, said the high number of Ethiopians in Israel using the drug reflected a "cultural preference" for injections among Ethiopians. In fact, according to figures of the World Health Organisation, three-quarters of women in Ethiopia using birth control take the oral pill.

"The answers we received from officials demonstrated overt racism," Ms Eyal said. "They suggested that Ethiopian women should be treated not as individuals but as a collective group whose reproduction needs controlling."

When Woman to Woman conducted an experiment by sending five non-Ethiopian women to doctors to ask for Depo Provera, all were told that it was prescribed only in highly unusual cases.

Ms Mangoli said it was extremely difficult to get immigrant Ethiopian families to speak out because they were afraid that their Jewishness was under suspicion and that they might be deported if they caused trouble.

However, women interviewed anonymously for the report stated that officials at absorption centres in Ethiopia advised them to take Depo Provera because there would be no funds to support their children if they got pregnant in Israel.

This policy appears to conflict with the stated goals of the country's Demography Council, a group of experts charged with devising ways to persuade Jewish women to have more babies.

The council was established in response to what is widely seen in Israel as a "demographic war" with Palestinians, or the need to maintain a Jewish majority in the region despite high Palestinian birth rates. In a speech marking the council's reconvening in 2002, the then social welfare minister, Shlomo Benizri, referred to "the beauty of the Jewish family that is blessed with many children".

Yali Hashash, a researcher at Haifa University, said attempts to restrict Ethiopian women's fertility echoed practices used against Jewish women who immigrated to Israel from such Arab countries as Iraq, Yemen and Morocco in the state's early years, in the 1950s and 1960s.

Many, she said, had been encouraged to fit IUDs when the device was still experimental because Israel's leading gynecologists regarded Arab Jews as "primitive" and incapable of acting "responsibly".

Allegations of official racism towards Ethiopians gained prominence in 2006 when it was admitted that for many years all their blood donations had been discarded for fear that they might be contaminated with diseases.

There have also been regular reports of Ethiopian children being denied places in schools or being forced to attend separate classes.

In November a survey of employers in the main professions showed that 53 per cent preferred not to hire an Ethiopian.

Ruth Sinai, an Israeli social affairs reporter for Haaretz newspaper, wrote recently that the discrimination faced by the country's 120,000 Ethiopians reflected in particular "doubts on the part of the country's religious establishment about their Jewishness".

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Added: 01/11/10 08:26:00 PM

I am an African-American Jew and I cannot believe what I am reading. I remember as a child when I attended Hebrew School learning of the horrors of the Holocaust and now I read that Israeli Jews are carrying out the same type of horrors on others because of the color of their skin. Irregardless of whether they are Jew or not, they are human beings and should be treated with the same compassion and respect that we want for ourselves. Shame, shame, shame.

This is Apartheid in the making. If Jews who are against this type of behavior do not take to the streets and demand an end to these practices... then, if not now, when; if not me, who!!

Sa-Rah Bibbins, Sacramento

Added: 01/09/10 08:30:00 PM

Stuart Tootell, Samut Prakarn IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT!! I TOTALLY AGREE!!!

Shame in Israel! After being abused, they have become the biggest & worse abusers themselves. God will continue to punish them until they stop.

Apres Ski, Cheshire-UK

Added: 01/09/10 11:05:00 AM

Is there any country which will offer to air-lift these Ethiopian Jews and rescue them from this persecution?

Tim Crowe, dubai

Added: 01/09/10 04:07:00 AM

I am convinced this problem will continue and get progressively worse, if those who are not racist do not come together, join each other and work together to combat racism and eliminate it where we can.

Jews who benefit from racial discrimination will, in all probability, not speak out against this ungodly conduct. So I invite anyone and everyone who abhor this bigotry to contact me; and let's do ALL THAT WE CAN to eliminate this Hitler-like behavior.

OmriYigal@hotmail.com

OMRI YIGAL, Binghamton

Added: 01/06/10 03:50:00 AM

Wonderful how a group of people who have exploited their persecution over the years along with the urban myth of the number of holocaust deaths and claims of blatant racial and religious discrimination have no qualms about discriminating against others.

The problem is that the Jews still cannot make up their minds as to what they are.

A religious group or a race of people ?

The minority group of hate filled racist rabbi Rabbis are indeed as guilty of the same crimes as were the war criminals on trial at Nuremberg in 1945-1946.

Israel have you not yet learned your lessons ?

Stuart Tootell, Samut Prakarn

Added: 01/06/10 01:59:00 AM

Reading this article it slightly reminds me of the ideas that were examined in Germany about 70 years ago...Shame! Shame! Shame!

Angelika Lancsak, London

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| 31378|2010-01-16 12:06:20|SaNu Tepra|Polygamy|

I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in america, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional european based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional Afrikan cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional Afrikan cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers

sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.

2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.

3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

| 31379|2010-01-16 12:08:15|cristofori whitakara|Re: Teddy Pendegrass Died at 59: Life Is A Song Worth Singing|  
healing cancer from the inside out video by mike anderson

--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Teddy Pendegrass Died at 59: Life Is A Song Worth Singing

To: "IE Brown"

Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 5:40 AM

**The singer underwent colon cancer surgery eight months ago and had "a difficult recovery," his son said.**

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**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 3:14:51 AM

**Subject:** [edo-nationality] Teddy Pendergrass Died at 59: Life Is A Song Worth Singing

**I hope you indeed achieved that 50/50 love. Rest in Peace, Teddy!**

Sandra

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## Soul singer Teddy Pendergrass dies in Pa. at 59

**AP** Associated Press

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*AP In an Aug. 1, 2000, file photo Teddy Pendergrass, right, performs at the Good Neighbor Community Outreach*



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*By PATRICK WALTERS, Associated Press Writer Patrick Walters, Associated Press Writer 1hr40minsago*

PHILADELPHIA Teddy Pendergrass, who became R&B's reigning sex symbol in the 1970s and '80s with his forceful, masculine voice and passionate love ballads and later became an inspirational figure after suffering a devastating car accident that left him paralyzed, died Wednesday at age 59.

The singer's son, Teddy Pendergrass II, said his father died at a hospital in suburban Philadelphia. The singer underwent colon cancer surgery eight months ago and had "a difficult recovery," his son said.

"To all his fans who loved his music, thank you," his son said. "He will live on through

his music."

Pendergrass suffered a spinal cord injury and was paralyzed from the waist down in the 1982 car accident. He spent six months in a hospital but returned to recording the next year with the album "Love Language."

He briefly returned to the stage at the Live Aid concert in 1985, performing from his wheelchair.

Pendergrass later founded the Teddy Pendergrass Alliance, an organization whose mission is to encourage and help people with spinal cord injuries achieve their maximum potential in education, employment, housing, productivity and independence, according to its Web site.

Pendergrass, who was born in Philadelphia on March 26, 1950, gained popularity first as a member of Harold Melvin & the Blue Notes.

In 1971, the group signed a record deal with the legendary writer/producers Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff. The group released its first single, "I Miss You," in 1972 and then released "If You Don't Know Me by Now," which was nominated for a Grammy Award.

Gamble remembered Pendergrass fondly and lauded him.

"I think Teddy Pendergrass was really one of a kind of an artist, and his music kind of speaks for him," Gamble said in an interview early Thursday. "He had such a powerful voice, and he had a great magnetism."

Pendergrass quit the group in 1975 and embarked on a solo career in 1976. It was his solo hits that brought him his greatest fame. With songs such as "Love T.K.O.," "Close the Door" and "I Don't Love You Anymore," he came to define a new era of black male singers with his powerful, aggressive vocals that spoke to virility, not vulnerability.

His lyrics were never coarse, as those of later male R&B stars would be, but they had a sensual nature that bordered on erotic without being explicit.

"Turn Off the Lights" was a tune that perhaps best represented the many moods of Pendergrass tender and coaxing yet strong as the song reached its climax.

Pendergrass, the first black male singer to record five consecutive multi-platinum albums, made women swoon with each note, and his concerts were a testament to that adulation, with infamous stories of women throwing their underwear on stage for his affection.

But his career was derailed by the car accident, Gamble said.

"He had a tremendous career ahead of him, and the accident sort of got in the way of many of those plans," Gamble said.

However, Pendergrass' career did not end. He continued to sing and recorded several albums, receiving Grammy nominations; perhaps his best-known hit after his crash was the inspirational song "Life is a Song Worth Singing."

It was 19 years before Pendergrass resumed performing at his own concerts. He made his return on Memorial Day weekend in 2001, with two sold-out shows in Atlantic City, N.J.

Pendergrass is survived by his son, two daughters, his wife, his mother and nine grandchildren.

| 31380|2010-01-16 12:16:08|cristofori whitakara|Re: old nubia|  
everytime an african is attacked i think of marcus garvey. i think he spoke of a an african  
military force to protect africans and things african?

--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 1:46 PM

Hello Cristofori,

I am constantly amazed at the mistreatment of black Africans and Africa itself at the hands of descendants of the Greco-Roman Empire (((shaking my head))). I wrote to the U.S. diplomatic core about building the dam without regard to the people living there, and any archaeological history that would be lost under tons of water!!! Guess my words fell on deaf ears....again, because it was just a bunch of black folks becoming homeless and without proof of any history from the ancient past (((heavy sigh))).

Thanks for the link, read copy below to clearly understand the above comments..-Sekhmet

### **SOS Save the Nubians : The Nubian Tsunami**

The Nubian who strived hard over several centuries to maintain identity, culture and heritage as descendents of great African Civilizations are always subject to well orchestrated , manipulated and systematic ethnic cleansing. This cleansing process took different shapes: -inundation of Nubian land "Aswan Dam High DamMeroi Dam", deprivation from all central governments care (no Medicare or education), marginalization (overlooking of Nubians as active and existing minority) and make their land as such rejecting to force Nubians to abandon it

Since the construction of the High Dam in 1964, the Nubians have sacrificed their heritage and land for the welfare of Egypt and Sudan. The Nubians were dispersed all over the Sudan and Egypt as well as in many countries around the globe. Some who strived and struggled to return to the shores of Lake Nubian have made the resurrection of Wade Half a forced reality.

Those who were forcefully relocated in Butana plains in eastern Sudan suffered as the New Halfa Project collapsed gradually for many reasons of mismanagement, poor drainage, and invasion of shrubs and weeds. Now most of them are scattered all over the outskirts of Sudanese towns and cities. The whole Nubian land in Wadi Halfa, Sikkout and Mahas have suffered from marginalization , overlooking and neglect. In spite of the suffering the Nubians did not spare an opportunity or an effort to reconstruct the land of their ancestors and have submitted several proposals to the authorities which were , unfortunately, ignored.

On the other hand several of those who were relocated (e.g. those from Argin ) have returned in large numbers and tried hard to establish a decent life on the western shores of the Nile where old Argin existed. They built houses and developed a number of agricultural projects on their own initiatives without any support from the government of Sudan. Instead of helping Nubian

people, by rebuilding Wadi Halfa and supporting Argin projects, the government decided to sell 6.1 million feddans( 1.6 m announced to fake reality) of the Nubian land to Egypt for irrigation with waters extracted from the Nubian Aquifer . All this took place in full exclusion of the Nubians who have in the past built a civilization which is still echoing its flavour and pride all over the world.

The Nubians as one of several other marginalized and overlooked indigenous minorities of Sudan hoped, while Sudan is advancing towards the dawn Peace following the sign of Peace at Nivasha (Kenya between Government of Sudan and the SPLA/M of South Sudan), that the government would have handled this matter with what it deserves from transparency and have strived to allow the Sudanese people in general and the Nubians in particular to participate in shaping their future in a participatory fashion. Alternatively what is happening is that such important decisions as using the water from the Nubian Aquifer and land are being handled in secrecy and without the involvement of the people who own this wealth historically. Several of the members of the ruling party has been allocated hundreds of thousands of feddans from Nubian land for their own use and benefit!!

We plead to the international community to share with the Nubians the concern that these resources are not only for the Nubians but for all the future generations of the Sudan in the south, the north, the west and the east. The Nubian Aquifer is the natural reservoir of water supplies for coming generations of the Sudanese. It is worth noting also that the current century have been declared the "water century " pointing to the importance of judicial and wise use of this precious resource in a sustainable way. This is a calamity that exceeds all sufferings the Nubians went through in their history and could be compared in its damaging scale and magnitude to the recent Tsunami crisis in the Far East and South Asia waters.. .

In consideration of the above the Nubian voice their strong objection to what is being done in breach and violation of the right of Nubians in their lands and ground water. Indeed, the Nubians support proper investment and prosperity of the people living in the Nile Valley . However, this investment should observe the legal and historic rights of the Nubian People who live in these areas As well as the concerns of the future generations of the whole Sudanese People. We appeal to the free and concerned world to address the Government of Sudan to:

1. to develop a legal document which conserves the common property rights of the Nubian People to the water and land resources in this area
2. To speed up the formation of the Land Authority in the Northern State . The Authority should be given legal jurisdictions for any investment in the area
3. Provide enough water for the agricultural schemes in the Nubian Lands from Wadi Halfa to Dongola
4. To establish Authority for the development of all Agricultural Schemes in the Northern States. This authority should be the only legal body with jurisdiction over any future use of land and water resources in Nubian Land. The authority should have the power to oversee and provide governance to all investment and development issues related to irrigation, cropping and natural

resource management. All private and public investors should get permission to undertake any development activities from this agency

My goodness; shades of Katrina just keep rearing it's ugly head....now what about Haiti?  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, cristofori whitakara** wrote:

From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: "ta seti"  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 11:56 AM

<http://www.thenubia n.net/nubold. php>

| 31381|2010-01-16 16:18:50|Peter Gray|Re: Polygamy|  
Thank you that very iluminating and level-headed input. Much ppreciated.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
From: sami\_ra\_maati@sbcglobal.net  
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 12:06:19 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in america, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional european based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional Afrikan cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on

systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional Afrikan cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, and that's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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| 31382|2010-01-16 16:31:04|Peter Gray|Re: Hebrew/polygamy|

Sekhmet,

There is the interesting case in the Brazilian rainforest (Amazon) of the Yanomahi (??), in which population the shortage of males (through natural genetics only) has brought about a high incidence of wifebeating and male-vs-male violence due to suspected infidelity. Younger men seek to attract (and often succeed in getting) "married women", causing suspicious "married men" into conflict with the younger unmarried men.

This is the same society that National Geographic has portrayed as an idyllic jungle tribe.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 11:00:40 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy

"...due to the shortage of women..."

Interesting Hebrew, China I know has a shortage of women because of their one child law and the killing of infant girls because they favor boy births...I ain't figured that one out yet. The other countries you mentioned has a shortage of women because..... ?

If you know of a link or article please let me know what it is. Besides natural disasters of some sort, I can't think of any reason(s) why they would have a woman shortage, but polygamy is not the answer IMO, because it would appear to deprive other men of getting a wife since there are more men than women.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:23 AM

polygamy is common practice in Nepal, parts of China, Tibet, Bhutan, & other countries around there due to the shortage of women.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 10:07:54 AM

**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

Peter

PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to hear her in her own words.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = I To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, know....no problem.

As for Nigerians or some West Africans engaging in polygamy as a cultural norm, and not trying to become "Westernized" and condemning it.....that is due to their indigenous religion being slowly eroded by conversion to Christianity. Or, their lack of finances to afford a polygamous lifestyle.

I believe that East Africans are predominantly Islamic in modern times, so they too will consider polygamy a cultural norm and treat women as "air head", second class citizens to boot.

Thanks for the book titles, I will try to read a literary critique on-line unless you want to do for me....no way I can afford to purchase more books at this time.

Now, Peter....do you want to discuss the benefits of multiple husbands and why men avoid the topic.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Peter Gray** wrote:



From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:34 AM

Yes polygamy is still considered "normal" in many parts of West Africa (e.g., Nigeria), in the sense that it is a common practice. Check out these books from the Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Half of a Yellow Sun* [set in the time of the Biafran War, 1967-70]; and *Purple Hibiscus*.

Nowadays, it is considered politically correct to condemn the practice, largely because of patronizing Western liberal thinking. I do believe that Africans themselves will come to reject and abandon it as they attempt to modernize, i.e. Westernize, and I suspect the driving force for that change will be the limited ability of the MALE to afford it.

Forgive my ignorance, but what is ROTFL?  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 10:23:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"....Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal..."  
Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social practice depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except for those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless some catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community. If it is about female genital mutilation... well, that was an individual tribal "norm" and not an African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing if some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it is not normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis head of men to keep things balanced. "...don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground." Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. Women can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements, protection, child rearing and monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:18 PM

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com)  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is for the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of

woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious,even thoughthat ann  
hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to unto you is a universal principal  
anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confu  
we are still human no matter what any religious,spiritual , cultural system may approve of  
Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/sh  
engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have  
time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system,  
the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

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| 31383|2010-01-16 16:36:39|Peter Gray|Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA|  
Pat Robertson takes the cake (away from Rush Limbaugh) .. suggesting that Haiti's present misfortune is the result of their "pact with the Devil" in liberating themselves from the French (and British and Spanish) - 1804.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 10:24:15 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA

"...current tragedy is linked to decades of (enforced) poverty...."

Hello Peter,

I remember some of the things Haitians have endured and the countries that came to their

assistance without some sort of caveat to boot. I just sent the original article because the title seems to imply that the USA somehow created the quake itself, rather than it being a NATURAL disaster.

Anyway, I am glad for the global positive response they are currently getting....much different than the Katrina victims received.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 8:16 AM

Of course, the current tragedy in Haiti is linked to decades of (enforced) poverty, via invasion, neocolonial abuse, etc.

I too wish to commend China, Venezuela and all the other countries that have responded so quickly. Let's not forget: the Haitian Ambassador did acknowledge with thanks to Venezuela that their (Venezuelan) immediate support was probably the result of the fact that some of the most effective efforts of Simon Bolivar in liberating Venezuela were successful because of the thousands of Haitian soldiers fighting with him.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 15:51:45 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA

Well of course this is the time to bring up "old news" about American involvement in the with regard to Haiti....I have nothing to add, so will take a different approach to this tragedy such a poor country after repeated natural disasters 4-5 years in a row....

**Let me send a personal TA-TA YAH!!! to the Chinese people and government for their immediate and VERY LARGE response to the Haitians within 48 hours!!!**

**and to the other countries and governments in Europe and South America another "you"!!! You and your assistance are MOST Welcome!!**

Sekhmet, a US citizen

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# Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA

## Why the Blood Is on Our Hands

by Ted Rall

As grim accounts of the earthquake in Haiti came in, the accounts in U.S.-controlled state media all carried the same descriptive sentence: "Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere.. ."

Gee, I wonder how that happened?

You'd think Haiti would be loaded. After all, it made a lot of people rich.

How did Haiti get so poor? Despite a century of American colonialism, occupation, and propping up corrupt dictators? Even though the CIA staged coups d'état against every democratically elected president they ever had?

It's an important question. An earthquake isn't just an earthquake. The same 7.0 tremor hitting San Francisco wouldn't kill nearly as many people as in Port-au-Prince.

"Looking at the pictures, essentially it looks as if (the buildings are of) breezeblock or cinderblock construction, and what you need in an earthquake zone is metal bars that connect the blocks so that they stay together when they get shaken," notes Sandy Steacey, director of the Environmental Science Research Institute at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland. "In a wealthy country with good seismic building codes that are enforced, you would have some damage, but not very much."

When a pile of cinderblocks falls on you, your odds of survival are long. Even if you miraculously survive, a poor country like Haiti doesn't have the equipment, communications infrastructure or emergency service personnel to pull you out of the rubble in time. And if your neighbors get you out, there's no ambulance to take you to the hospital--or doctor to treat you once you get there.

Earthquakes are random events. How many people they kill is predetermined. In Haiti this week, don't blame tectonic plates. Ninety-nine percent of the death toll is attributable to poverty.

So the question is relevant. How'd Haiti become so poor?

The story begins in 1910, when a U.S. State Department-National City Bank of New York (now called Citibank) consortium bought the Banque National d'Haiti--Haiti's only commercial bank and its national treasury--in effect transferring Haiti's debts to the Americans. Five years later, President Woodrow Wilson ordered troops to occupy the country in order to keep tabs on "our" investment.

From 1915 to 1934, the U.S. Marines imposed harsh military occupation, murdered Haitians patriots and diverted 40 percent of Haiti's gross domestic product to U.S. bankers. Haitians were banned from government jobs. Ambitious Haitians were shunted into the puppet military, setting the stage for a half-century of U.S.-backed military dictatorship.

The U.S. kept control of Haiti's finances until 1947.

Still--why should Haitians complain? Sure, we stole 40 percent of Haiti's national wealth for 32 years. But we let them keep 60 percent.

Whiners.

Despite having been bled dry by American bankers and generals, civil disorder prevailed until 1957, when the CIA installed President-for-Life François "Papa Doc" Duvalier. Duvalier's brutal Tonton Macoutes paramilitary goon squads murdered at least 30,000 Haitians and drove educated people to flee into exile. But think of the cup as half-full: fewer people in the population means fewer people competing for the same jobs!

Upon Papa Doc's death in 1971, the torch passed to his even more dissolute 19-year-old son, Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier. The U.S., cool to Papa Doc in his later years, quickly warmed back up to his kleptomaniacal playboy heir. As the U.S. poured in arms and trained his army as a supposed anti-communist bulwark against Castro's Cuba, Baby Doc stole an estimated \$300 to \$800 million from the national treasury, according to Transparency International. The money was placed in personal accounts in Switzerland and elsewhere.

Under U.S. influence, Baby Doc virtually eliminated import tariffs for U.S. goods. Soon Haiti was awash predatory agricultural imports dumped by American firms. Domestic rice farmers went bankrupt. A nation that had been agriculturally self-sustaining collapsed. Farms were abandoned. Hundreds of thousands of farmers migrated to the teeming slums of Port-au-Prince. The Duvalier era, 29 years in all, came to an end in 1986 when President Ronald Reagan ordered U.S. forces to whisk Baby Doc to exile in France, saving him from a popular uprising. Once again, Haitians should thank Americans. Duvalierism was "tough love." Forcing Haitians to make do without their national treasury was our nice way or encouraging them to work harder, to lift themselves up by their bootstraps. Or, in this case, flipflops. Anyway.

The U.S. has been all about tough love ever since. We twice deposed the populist and popular democratically-elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The second time, in 2004, we even gave him a free flight to the Central African Republic! (He says the CIA kidnapped him, but

whatever.) Hey, he needed a rest. And it was kind of us to support a new government formed by former Tonton Macoutes.

Yet, despite everything we've done for Haiti, they're still a fourth-world failed state on a fault line.

And still, we haven't given up. American companies like Disney generously pay wages to their sweatshop workers of 28 cents an hour.

What more do these ingrates want?

Ted Rall is the author of the new book "[Silk Road to Ruin: Is Central Asia the New Middle East?](#)," an in-depth prose and graphic novel analysis of America's next big foreign policy challenge.

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| 31384|2010-01-16 16:42:28|Peter Gray|Re: Widows protest marriage incentive|  
If they don't want a husband, obviously the "marriage" won't happen.  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
From: hebrew77@yahoo.com  
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 02:33:22 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Widows protest marriage incentive

Nepal has a dire shortage of women! It is the reverse there. Black women would find a mate quickly in Nepal.

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta-Seti  
**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 2:30:04 PM  
**Subject:** [Ta\_Seti] Widows protest marriage incentive

Now this is what I call "government interference" ....ROTFL! !!! What if they don't WANT another husband?

Sekhmet

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## Widows protest marriage incentive

Mon Aug 10 14:09:53 UTC 2009

KATHMANDU (Reuters) - About 200 women marched through the Nepali capital Monday to protest a government scheme to pay cash incentives to men for marrying widows, witnesses said. Nepal's center-left coalition announced a plan last month to pay men the equivalent of \$600 to marry widows, angering the widows.

Monday, women shouting slogans such as "You can't sell your mother," and "We don't want dowries," marched toward a government complex that houses the prime minister's office. They were stopped by riot police, but there were no arrests or violence.

Durga Neupane, an organizer and a widow, said activists would mobilize widows throughout the Himalayan nation if the government failed to scrap the decision by Friday.

"If that is not done we'll gather widows from across the country and organize more protests," she said. The government says the scheme seeks to help widows who face social and cultural barriers in a majority-Hindu society.

But Neupane said it would only add to their woes as men would marry widows for money and then abandon them. Widows, she said, should instead be given jobs, better health care and education. (Reporting by Gopal Sharma; Editing by Bappa Majumdar and Ron Popeski)

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Polygyny in Africa:

A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality

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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"(1) thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."(2)

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny.

Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From *Death and the Creator*, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds. Sa, who was satisfied with these

improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girls four white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...] during the night Moon [...] had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar's body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...]. Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]" (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame.

Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshipping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called him Sekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[...] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god(s)" and the original humans' *modus vivendi*.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie-Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the muntu or

the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

## II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal

to proverbs is an ad verecundiam argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male"s Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women"s sexuality or infidelity.

#### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality", wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio

(Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problem—the male infidelity—by creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

#### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

#### IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

##### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution...."

##### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very



human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

### C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be

dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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## Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.
2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.
4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."
5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M. 58, has been reprinted in *Basic Documents Supplement to International Law* 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.
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Thank you that very illuminating and level-headed input. Much appreciated.

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I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in america, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional european based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional Afrikan cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional Afrikan cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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Polygyny in Africa:

A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality

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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"(1) thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."(2)

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At

the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds.. Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girls four white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...]during the night Moon[...]had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar's body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...].. Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two



years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]." (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshiping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called him Sekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[.... ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original humans' *modus vivendi*.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some

African conception of immortality.

#### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

#### II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an *ad verecundiam* argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male"s Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism.. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women"s sexuality or infidelity.

### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality" , wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problemthe male infidelityby creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man"s sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

## IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community"s law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations" General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal

rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

#### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

#### C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making

processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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## Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.
2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God.. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.
4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."
5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M.. 58, has been reprinted in *Basic Documents Supplement to International Law* 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.
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Thank you that very illuminating and level-headed input. Much appreciated.

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I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in america, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional european based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional Afrikan cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional Afrikan cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of



westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, and that's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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Peace and light

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At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"(1) thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."(2)

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly,

every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds. Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girls four white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In The Pitcher and the Basket, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In The Disobedience of Man, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa,

Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From How Moon Fathered the World, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...] during the night Moon [...] had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar's body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...]. Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]." (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In The Revolt Against God, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshipping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called him Sekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[... ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god(s)" and the original humans' *modus vivendi*.

C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

#### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This

custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

## II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an *ad verecundiam* argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs

provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male"s Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women"s sexuality or infidelity.

#### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality" , wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problem the male infidelity by creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.



#### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

#### IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

##### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

##### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life

and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

### C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin

committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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## Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.
2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.
4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."
5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M. 58, has been reprinted in *Basic Documents Supplement to International Law* 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.
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Thank you that very illuminating and level-headed input. Much appreciated.

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One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Africa and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional African cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional African cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a

role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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| 31388|2010-01-16 17:48:27|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: Polygamy|

Thank you for this post however the point remains that here in the states, multiple marriages will not be accepted so why even consider it? We are Americans or at least citizens and we are products of our environment and this practice will not be accepted no matter how it is presented and westernization aside, women still have issues with this lifestyle even those familiar with it. It does bother me that some here act as if it is only the fact that we live in america that makes us opposed to polygamy but there are women from cultures where it is accepted who do not like it and some who have gotten into these relationships have problems that arise after the second wife

is accepted. Lets not push aside the feelings of women based on where a woman was raised. Why is it that men EVERYWHERE feel the same about women having an affair (no matter where the man is born) but some men do not understand that what we women feel is universal as well?? Just some food for thought

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I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in america, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional european based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional Afrikan cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional Afrikan cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.

3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.

4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.

2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.

3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

| 31389|2010-01-17 09:51:14|Tafari khumbaka|Re: Fw: [SOA] New Aol video - You Tube  
Censored this video - Avatar:|

Yes!, i saw that also, excellent critique. even though i LOVE sci-fi it usually is white supremeist propaganda.

Tarzan i saw right away, white man hollers and all the elephants etc. come running to his aid.....lol



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Lamar Perryman** wrote:

From: Lamar Perryman

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SOA] New Aol video - You Tube Censored this video -

Avatar: An Extension of White Supremacy

To: "TN." , "AP." , "BIOF"

Cc: "Group Members" , "Ta Seti" , afrikanStudy@yahoogroups.com,

MarcusMosiahGarvey@yahoogroups.com, happilynaturalday-

owner@yahoogroups.com, "Where Do We Go From Here"



Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 4:03 PM

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Frederick Alexander Meade** wrote:

From: Frederick Alexander Meade

Subject: [SOA] New Aol video - You Tube Censored this video - Avatar: An Extension of Supremacy

To: erzilidanto@ yahoo.com, abujanig@yahoogroups.com, africanstalk@ yahoogroups. cc, afrimedia@googlegro ups.com, agboton1 @netzero. net, ahnam60@hotmail. com, "Alex I amenelik@aol.. com, aphelele\_mlaza@ yahoo.com, asimmonds1 @comcast. net, brothermawusi@ yahoo.com, candeegirl2005@ yahoo.com, cartierx@aol. com, crh@afromerica. com, cutiemola@aol. com, docblind@aol. com, edincoro@edincorpor ated.com, empresschi@aol. com, faillas@hotmail. com, gaoyibo@hotmail. com, goddess\_ loving@yahoo. com, goddessmetaphys@ hotmail.com, holyspiritgod\_ 3@msn.com, hakimida@aol. com, hyerfrequency@ mindspring. com, Iegood@aol.com, info@reinstate maddox.com, issinstitute@ yahoogroups. com, jahpaint@aol. com, jerry.tillman@ ngc.cc, joycedade@gmail. com, jrswriter@comcast. net, KemetQueen@Gmail. com, keverv@hot com, kkrizs@gmail. com, cdemafa@yahoo. com, lashawn.williams@ nychhc.org, leesullivan98@ yahoo.com, lorinbobbitt@ hotmail.com, Luv4self\_Network@ yahoogrou p.com, memccclendon@ cox.net, mhtms@buckeye- access.com, mmg1887@yahoo. com, Moneymagnetzm@ yahoo.com, mwananchi@yahoogrou ps.com, Mwariamal@aol. com, mail@rebirthafrica. ning.com, nhare@pacbell. net, nigel\_imonieya@ globalunificatio n.cc, nigeriawazobia@ yahoogroups. com, nusaiba@spawkenempi re.com, ofappit@hotmail. cc, ostelle@yahoo. com, PanAF\_House@ yahoogroups. com, princeakame2002@ yahoo.com, publishers@charter. net, rklonewolf@yahoo. com, raheel.karim@ hotmail.com, afrikanspi yahoo.com, roarin1@gmail. com, roarin1@hotmail. com, roland.sheppard@ yahoo.com, schossen@gmail. com, senghor@hotmail. com, septasam@aol. com, shaimesh@aol. com, sista.flame@ yahoo.com, soa@yahoogroups. com, stevenccannon@ gmail.com, tafari\_taf yahoo.com, tafari4ii@sbcglobal .net, tapvideo@optionline .net, the\_black\_thought@ yahc "Tim Adams" , trueblackness@ yahoogroups. com, wautella@aol. com, wetsi001@yahoo o\_akkebala2002@ yahoogroups. com, yahqueenwisdom@ yahoo.com, essence4109@ yahoo.com, orangecampaign2010@ yahoo.com, iyonda.brown@ gmail.com, info@ethiopiansforc hange.com, melanatedqueen@ yahoo.com, melanatedqueen@ gmail. o\_akkebala@msn. com

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 10:14 AM

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## [Avatar: An Extension of White Supremacy](#)

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| 31390|2010-01-17 09:51:23|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Peter/polygamy|

"...those who are trying to propose a mass acceptance of this tradition under the guise of it being 'african' in origin..."

Wiselady, hold on while I ROTFL!!!!

Like I said before only men keep bringing this topic up on most forums I have been on, and like you said it isn't even legal in the USA regardless of the religion black men align with. It has nothing to do with "religion" IMO, but if they can put some religious spin on it or claim it was the norm in ancient Africa, maybe modern women will accept it better. Except, I haven't heard a woman yet - Christian or Muslim - that approves of the practice, unless they were brain-washed or beaten into submission.

BTW, I can go along with co-housing as a viable concept for community living and shared support.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Li (wiseladyowl)** wrote:

From: Li (wiseladyowl)

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 3:15 PM

Nor do I but again the issue is not "moral" or "spiritual" judgements per se but rather those who are trying to propose a mass acceptance of this tradition under the guise of it being "african" in origin. We can not have more than one spouse in the US any way so why even bring it up? My family taught us to mind our business so if someone wants to maintain that lifestyle than so be it but do not pretend that it is "only" for noble reasons when we know that most folks practice multiple sex partners for just that SEX! Let's not pretend here or stand on some high horse with regards to this lifestyle which favors the men over the women and this is not a new problem it has been in existence for quite some time and has been plagued with problems from the get.

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 10:07 AM

Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

Peter

PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to can hear her in her own words.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... .not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = Face To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, let me know....no problem.

As for Nigerians or some West Africans engaging in polygamy as a cultural norm, and now trying to become "Westernized" and condemning it.....that is due to their indigenous religion being slowly eroded by conversion to Christianity. Or, their lack of finances to afford a polygamous lifestyle.

I believe that East Africans are predominantly Islamic in modern times, so they too will consider polygamy a cultural norm and treat women as "air head", second class citizens to boot.

Thanks for the book titles, I will try to read a literary critique on-line unless you want to do that for me....no way I can afford to purchase more books at this time.

Now, Peter....do you want to discuss the benefits of multiple husbands and why men avoid the topic.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

| From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:34 AM

Yes polygamy is still considered "normal" in many parts of West Africa (e.g., Nigeria), in the sense that it is a common practice. Check out these books from the Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Half of a Yellow Sun* [set in the time of the Biafran War, 1967-70]; and *Purple Hibiscus*.

Nowadays, it is considered politically correct to condemn the practice, largely because of patronizing Western liberal thinking. I do believe that Africans themselves will come to reject and abandon it as they attempt to modernize, i.e. Westernize, and I suspect the driving force for that change will be the limited ability of the MALE to afford it.

Forgive my ignorance, but what is ROTFL?  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 10:23:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"...Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal..."  
Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social practice depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless a catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community. If it is about female genital mutilation... well, that was an individual tribal "norm" and not an African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing if some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it is not normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis head of men to keep things balanced. "...don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground." Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. Women can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements, protection, child rearing and monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:18 PM

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is for the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of a woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though that annoys

hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to unto you is a universal principal that anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confusion as we are still human no matter what any religious,spiritual , cultural system may approve of.  
Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/should not engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have done this time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, only for the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

<http://www.blogtalk radio.com/ egyptianvoodoo pri est/2010/ 01/07/polygamy- shouldnt- we>  
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Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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| 31391|2010-01-17 09:51:29|sekhmet Johnson|Re: cost of not paying attention!|

"the point is that most our folks do not pay attention like Katrina & Red Cross pulling a fast one..."

Alright Hebrew, I get the Katrina comparison but not the Red Cross...though God knows they have their "issues"....bunch of nutbars (for Peter, a "nutbar" is like a doofus.)

I volunteered in Katrina and most of our folks are still suffering and homeless due to lack of information and transportation. My personal family members got out because they had cars, a home and money to travel with when they heard on the news about the evacuation and where the poor could go for shelter. It was a mess, if you didn't have access to at least a radio to hear where to go for shelter, then later....where to find food and water.

Some child here in Podunk thought the TV images was of some Third World country...not inside the continental USA; but, I expected nothing more as her mother denied her own child was black, because her father is caussian....ROTFL!!! I was dealing with too much to challenge mom's "delusion" of ethnicity at the time....I just hung my head and went elsewhere in the shelter.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] cost of not paying attention!

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:39 PM

well, the pt. is that most our folks do not pay attention like Katrina&Red Cross pulling a fast one down the lane.

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 12:28:34 AM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] cost of not paying attention!

"...thought it was an 'air ball'..."

Ooookay....like I said I know didly about sports so I will "let it go" on the forum, and ask my kids what the heck all this means. Please don't get upset, I was serious....and not trying to be rude or obnoxious because I have/had bigger issues to deal with than hitting some "goal" thingy. But if it is important for you...good, .... no problem....you understand it.

I was just trying to be polite with a reply....LOL! ! I can EASILY "let it go"...ROTFL! !!  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

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From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] cost of not paying attention!  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 11:21 AM

The ball was released & it was an "air-ball" -  
- total miss -- & the opposing player  
"thought" it was a goal... not paying  
attention!!

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Sent:** Tue, January 12, 2010 11:59:56 AM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] cost of not paying attention!

Hello Hebrew...

don't take this the wrong way, because I know diddy about sports although I like watchin  
young players, but could you clarify what the problem is for me?

Sekhmet



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--- On **Sun, 1/10/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] cost of not paying attention!  
To: "ravanna frazier-bey"  
Date: Sunday, January 10, 2010, 5:57 PM

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[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHk7gpEGkMI&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HHk7gpEGkMI&feature=player_embedded)

"Even life can be like this for Black Americans, we have grown so accustomed to the "old normal" we now have depth perception issues when trying to focus on the new normal." Hebrew Ben Yisrael

| 31392|2010-01-17 09:51:34|nathaniel x vance|Safe Locations: Zetatalk - Are you preparing?|

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**Posted by: "Bill Babcock" [wa4lrm@pacbell.net](mailto:wa4lrm@pacbell.net) [wa4lrm@pacbell.net](mailto:wa4lrm@pacbell.net)**

**Thu Jan14,2010 10:01pm (PST)**

Nancy Lieder on **[Zeta Talk.com](http://ZetaTalk.com)** continues to describe the upcoming pole shift on earth [before or around 2012] caused by the passage of Planet X. Expect and prepare for more disasters, quakes, earth changes and wobbles in the earth's rotation.

What are the safe locations?

Approximately 8 min video

<[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3bsw\\_beUx8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3bsw_beUx8)>

Why most if not all charlatan **televangelists** are in fact the real ones who are working for the

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| 31393|2010-01-17 09:52:00|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Widows protest marriage incentive|  
"...black women would find a mate quickly..."

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!! thanks, but no thanks....

Now why the HECK would black women want to go to another poor country to get mistreated by someone in a foreign land....LOL!!! Sheesh,....we can stay here and get the same thing....ROTFL!!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Widows protest marriage incentive

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 4:33 AM

Nepal has a dire shortage of women! It is the reverse there. Black women would find a mate quickly in Nepal.

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson

**To:** Ta-Seti

**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 2:30:04 PM

**Subject:** [Ta\_Seti] Widows protest marriage incentive

Now this is what I call "government interference" ....ROTFL! !!! What if they don't WANT another husband?

Sekhmet

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## Widows protest marriage incentive

Mon Aug 10 14:09:53 UTC 2009

KATHMANDU (Reuters) - About 200 women marched through the Nepali capital Monday to denounce a government scheme to pay cash incentives to men for marrying widows, witnesses said.

Nepal's center-left coalition announced a plan last month to pay men the equivalent of \$650 for marrying widows, angering the widows.

Monday, women shouting slogans such as "You can't sell your mother," and "We don't want government dowries," marched toward a government complex that houses the prime minister's office.

They were stopped by riot police, but there were no arrests or violence.

Durga Neupane, an organizer and a widow, said activists would mobilize widows throughout the Himalayan nation if the government failed to scrap the decision by Friday.

"If that is not done we'll gather widows from across the country and organize more protests," she said.

The government says the scheme seeks to help widows who face social and cultural barriers in a majority-Hindu society.

But Neupane said it would only add to their woes as men would marry widows for money and later abandon them. Widows, she said, should instead be given jobs, better health care and education.

(Reporting by Gopal Sharma; Editing by Bappa Majumdar and Ron Popeski)

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| 31394|2010-01-17 09:52:14|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Peter/Moral indignation?|

Alright Peter....

I think I understand where the motive part comes from in this thread, although I still agree with Wiselady....it is all about the Benjamins/money for women in such relationships, rarely is it consensual for women in most cases. And that includes Muslim women, as they were supposed to be consulted before another wife was introduced to a marriage....although they may have changed the rules about that since I am not a Muslim, I have no way of knowing at this point in time.

Anyhoo, "moral indignation" comes from a Judeo-Christian fundamentalist perspective IMO, although they are guilty of polygamy in some sects, When they get caught, because it is illegal in the USA, they just re-write church rules or decide to ostracize sects that don't conform and have multiple wives anyway but on the D L. Sometimes...outside interference is necessary.....but "judgement"....not so much.

I will try to find an old article about the "black guy" that turned uber-religious and fathered his own grandchildren...along with multiple wives. Personally, I found it disgusting that he convinced his own children to commit murder-suicide to protect his "secret"....and I keep thinking "How do you people come up with this crap and blame it on De Lawd?"

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/Moral indignation?  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 8:55 AM

Sekhmet,

First of all, WiseLady wrote that most women who participate in polygamous families do so for reasons of perceived (financial/security ) gain. Then Tafari responded that that was a "wrong motive", to which you responded "what other motive could there be?"

So my point is simply that by framing the discussion in moral terms (good vs. bad) we tend to get stuck there, and often don't get to the substance of the issue. And the fact that many individuals do enter into such relationships comfortably should not illicit disapproval or condemnation from those who consider themselves "holier than thou."

That said, I do agree (as I stated before) that any polygamous/polyandric arrangement is unfair, because it is based not on free individual choice so much as the force of tradition and the ability of men (mostly) to afford to maintain multiple wives. Hope this clarifies things somewhat.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:43:52 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/Moral indignation?

"...moral indignation leads the discussion nowhere...."

Hello Peter,

please clarify "moral indignation" in the example Wiselady gave. From what I read the male simply assumed his wife would accept a co-wife, and he couldn't understand her displeasure. Tafari said they need their heads examined, and I am trying to figure out who he is referring to....the wives or all three of them.

I have to concur with Wiselady on this one, the husband was deceptive if not downright stupid to force his wife to accept a polygamous relationship without her consent. So now he pleads ignorance at her anger? Please clarify....because if she had done the same thing, we would be reading about her murder or her hospital admission at the very least.

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Peter

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Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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| 31395|2010-01-17 09:52:38|Ginger Daniels|Re: Shri Sa/polygamy|

I never once attacked you personally with anything I said. I discussed my disdain for our overly negative portrayal of black men, as if this is the only representation of what black men are. And while we hold black men accountable, let's hold black women accountable as well. Pointing the finger is great, so is looking in the mirror.

This topic started off because a member posted about polygamy and wanted input on the topic. He does not (nor his beliefs) represent all black men. Most of the black men I know are not even interested in a polygamous relationship. Black women can certainly be a handful... and most of the MEN I know cannot handle more than one at a time. I think you went overboard with your "holding them accountable" and I honestly found it a little disrespectful. There is a way to have a conversation without breaking a man down or belittling him/them. In my opinion you did both.

In all of my responses, I reiterated that I would never be in a polygamous relationship. I have a wonderful black man in my life who loves me and treats me like a queen. (he is not the father of my child and that is why I consider myself a single mother) I don't have to "defend" black women, though I always do. My life is a testament to hard working black women.

Sekhmet said - *The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.* Then in the very next sentence she says her father was her hero. This is my point. Both of you are painting black men with a VERY LARGE BRUSH. And I think it is very unfortunate because although I did not have a father in the house, I know many good black men who are very involved in their children's lives and are upstanding men in their communities. So I think WAAAAAY too much of this thread has been committed to what black men aren't, and what they don't do. (interestingly by black women) I'm not in the business of tearing anyone down, my intent is always to edify. Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you as well... hopefully we can all work on giving the same respect that we expect in return. Peace

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 17:14:22 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

"This is not about attacking black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions..."

Hello Shri,

that is the way I was reading the thread thus far, without taking anything out of context or "reading into" something that wasn't there. The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.

Personally, I have no "frame of reference" for what Ginger is claiming about the black community because my father was my "hero" even as a small child, and my mom...had to be an angel in disguise. While it was rare in the inner-city to have both birth parents in the home, that was my norm and I was envied by others although we were just as poor as they were living paycheck-to-paycheck.

So maybe this polygamy thread is what upsets women, as they get the short-end of the deal as usual.

Take care,  
sekhmet

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Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 5:12 AM

Ms. Ginger Daniels,

This is not about attacking Black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions. Now you seem to feel that you are justified with a personal attack on me. Sister you don't even know me, and you are way out of line. Maybe you would like to be a co-wife, be my guest. I will no longer speak in defense of hard working responsible Black women.

Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you, as you become a co-wife in Polygamous situation.

Peace,  
Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Ginger Daniels  
**To:** "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroup s.com"  
**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 2:36:50 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Peace to you my sister.

I have a question for you.

When did this conversation become about attacking the black man? This is a prime example of the deeply rooted problems that exist within us as a people. Black women seem to focus on what black men do / do not do.... and we never take credit for our share of the blame. This is the "voice" that black men constantly complain about. Sistas belittling them, being disrespectful, and speaking in a manner that can break down his manhood. I mean this with all due respect to you sista, but I'm not down with degrading OR devaluing the black man. He is dealing with that on a daily basis in a world of white supremacy. That is not to make ANY EXCUSES for the problems that exist in our communities as a result of the black man's behavior... but as black women we need to be more aware of what is going on in this society and what is breaking our men down.

First of all, NOBODY can tell me ANYTHING about what black women can or cannot do, and how we are being affected (and our children) by the behavior of some of our black men. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER. I GREW UP WITHOUT MY FATHER IN THE HOUSEHOLD. But you know what? My mother wasn't there either. So I have seen the affects FIRST HAND and I have studied our people for most of my adult life. So I'm not sitting back making excuses for black men. I know what the institutions of this country are doing to them. I know what an inferior education can do to a black man. I know what having an abusive father in the household can do to a black man. I know what having NO father can do to a black man. Most of us (blk wmn) are growing

up with our mothers in the household. So yes, not having a father is critical to our upbringing, but the same-sex parent is the most important figure to a child. So our men are coming up emasculated - identifying with their mothers - or they are turning to the streets to look for men to model themselves after. We had a long discussion here on this forum about black women being able to pose nude on magazine covers... their right to express themselves freely. Everyone was all gung-ho to let the sista go on the cover and make a fool of herself. Not realizing that this wicked media / society is attacking our men below their belts and keeping them focused on sex sex sex. They are living in a world that is constantly telling them "you are not loved" so they look for love in sex. I don't want to go too far into this, but BLACK WOMEN need to start being more knowledgeable about what is going on in the world. It's great to study Kemet, and our ancestors, but it is a waste of time if you are not aware of what is going on right now, today.

If you choose to date outside your race, fine. You go right ahead. I hear a lot of black women singing that song right now. Because it's being pumped all through the media... only 42% of black women have ever been married. Where will these women find men? Where will all the "educated, independent" black women find men? Well you know what, YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT. White people are feeding you your thoughts and you are believing what you are being told. I'm not saying that there is not an issue with black women being single, there is. But to be honest, the ones that I see, talking about what a black man can or cannot do... probably are turning the good black men away. AND THERE ARE MANY OF THEM OUT THERE. You know what an educated, independent black woman should do? Find her a good black man with potential and help him to become an educated, successful black man. All these negative thoughts that we have in our minds manifest themselves into reality. "All black men are dogs. They all leave their women and children." THAT IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF MAN YOU WILL RUN INTO WITH THOSE THOUGHTS. And if he dogged you and left you alone, you should share in that shame and irresponsibility because you should be more careful about who you lay down with. Sex is NOT a game. The act in itself takes two people. That takes NOTHING away from what his responsibilities are. But I'm SICK AND TIRED of black women blaming all our problems on our men. And here we are waving this carrot stick... if you don't act right I'm gonna go get with an Asian, white man etc. GOOD. Let's hope when you get that white man you can make steps toward killing white supremacy. Let's hope you can get some of your people jobs, health care, economic stability - since your man has a so-called prominent position in this society. I don't see that happening. I wonder why...

How many black women are deadbeat mothers? How many of them have multiple men running in and out of their homes for their young boys to see... so that he can grow up and imitate that behavior? How many black women cheer their daughters when Beyonce comes on and she shakes her little behind? How many black women are letting the TV raise their children? How many black women belittle their sons and daughters when out in public? (ONE OF THE WORST THINGS YOU CAN DO TO A CHILD) How many black women smoke and drink in front of their children? How many of them dress "sexy" around their sons? How many of them teach their daughters

to be strong and independent women, and subconsciously teach their sons to be timid and weak? How many black women go in and sit in on their sons classes and see what a public school classroom looks like from his perspective? We keep talking about what black men aren't doing. WHO RAISED THEM? If we've been doing it all on our own, then why are our sons turning out to be these types of men? PLEASE stop this way of thinking. IT IS GETTING US NO WHERE BUT RIGHT WHERE WE ARE.

I am really astounded that you would use a movie to shed light on your point. The media is highly active in the destruction of the black family. A man tried to rape her niece in a movie, and a hispanic man came and saved the day. Why do we always point to athletes, as if they represent all 40 million of us as a whole? Because thats whats on TV. CNN shows black women without black men, then closes the series Black In America with a white man coming through and saving the day. BET is showing you black men who dont like black women. THATS BECAUSE THEY DONT LIKE THEMSELVES. This is what self hatred looks like. Your response, these movies, the violence, the homosexuality, the over-indulgence in EVERYTHING, the materialism, the abuse, the molestation. .. white people dont have to touch us anymore. We have become our own worst enemies.

I am not PRO BLACK WOMAN. I am not PRO BLACK MAN. I am PRO BLACK FAMILY. There is no circle without the man, woman, and child. You can complete your circle with another race, thats fine. To each his own. But I am always curious if these other races are cognizant of what it will take to raise a black child. Will he study your history? Will he implement social programs for that child that will teach them to be proud of who they are? Or will they only confront race when out in the world... like so many mixed children today do... parents aren't teaching them the reality of the world because their in love. So they grow up hating their black selves and trying to conform to white peoples (or whatever race) world. NOW YOU AS THE MOTHER can take the responsibility for that.

I'm not anti-polygamy, anti-polyandry, anti-single, anti-gay, I'm not anti anything. I am 100% PRO BLACK FAMILY. So these things do not fit into what I think is proper for me or my children. But black women have bigger fish to fry, than to sit around worrying about what a man and a woman decide to do inside the confines of their own home. Women face abuse everyday in so called monogamous relationships. So do men. Women in monogamous relationships often share their men with other women, knowingly or not. So do men. This situation is one of the reasons that AIDS is so rampant in our communities. And its not all on the men. You lay down with dogs you get fleas.

People, lets elevate our way of thinking!

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From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net

Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 18:38:08 -0800

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Raising a family without a man is what so many Black women have had to do during those times when Black men have literally walked away from their responsibilities. Instead of berating and insulting Black women for having the strength to survive while Black men in America have not stepped up to their responsibilities, maybe this disdain should be turned towards the many deadbeat fathers out there. And there are a great many Black men who do not want to have any part of rearing/raising their children - are they aware how much they are needed? Why have so many Black men chosen to date and impregnate Black women - and then chose to just walk away from their own children? Many black women want the support of their children's father while at the same time not having to be subject to abuse. And many Black men either want everything from their children's mother (sex, marriage, or sex without marriage), or else they will not have anything at all to do with their own children. Why do Black men behave like that? I would like to hear a black man on this forum address the issue of why so many Black men literally do not want anything to do with their own children? And also address why so many black men choose to date and marry outside our Black community. Society as a whole teaches everyone that Black women are not worthy, that we are ugly, and fit to be mummies, maids, and mommas. While White women are the standard of beauty, are better mothers, and better wives than Black women.. How has the behavior of Black men in America helped or hurt that stereotype? In the mean time, Black women have had to endure and survive without their own Black men. Black men have, on the other hand, survived with whatever women they can get their hands on, e.g. Black women, White women, Asian women, Hispanic women...Black men survive regardless. I have even seen a talk show by Black men on BET where many Black men outright state they don't even need Black women. And many Black men literally have lives exactly like that. Many Black celebrities and athletes choose to marry white women...just look at the line up. Why are those Black men never challenged or humiliated by other Black men? It is always Black women putting down other Black women...and we are not even choosing to marry outside of our race....not yet anyway. Black men date and have children with Black women everyday.... walk away from their responsibilities. ....marry white, asian, hispanic women....Black women raise our children alone - not by choice many times....Then black men propose that - after countless generations of them not helping to rear their own children or marry us (they marry other races of women) - the best solution for correcting their mistakes is for us to share them with other Black women.

Well, if they value themselves that much, why have Black men not proposed to marry more than one white woman? Why not marry more than one Asian woman? Why not marry more than one Hispanic woman? Please take your pimpin' tendencies some where else. Black women have put up with enough

bad behavior from Black men. If Black men are not willing to behave in a decent and respectable manner, then I would date/marry outside my Black community. As the movie, "I Can Do Bad All By Myself" taught me, there can be love and support found outside our race. (The main female character in the movie dated a married man **that tried to rape her niece** -which is the exact behavior married men display, they can never get enough. Thankfully the Hispanic man stepped up to such poor behavior from the Black men) That to me is a better option than continuing to deal with poor behavior from Black men. "Families need a man for balance", OK. But if Black men do not want to be there, no one can force him. And Black women should not be held responsible for the actions of grown men.  
Peace

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nor can I but in my opinion neither should men and just because you "can" does not mean you "should". Women can have a lot of babies or just a few and yes even none and the problems we face as a community do NOT need to be addressed with men having more than one woman. Why not suggest that we help one another and hire our own ppl the way that other cultures do? Suggest that families help their extended families and create financial havens that support our ppl instead of polygamy?? I mean really solutions are just opportunities to do things in different ways so why suggest the same old thing and especially when you can see that others are not accepting of it?

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I cannot, as a woman, imagine having multiple husbands / sexual partners at one time. And if you take on multiple husbands, do you take on the ideology of polygamy - meaning you support all of these men at the same time? Or do they all pool their resources to take care of you and your multiple children. Will you ever NOT be pregnant, if you are birthing children for multiple men?

"Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man?"

There is no real FAMILY without a man. I can't stand this thinking. If it took him to bring the child to life, then it will take him or some other man to raise that child. Parenting is a two person job. Of course we can maintain, we've been doing it. But look at the situation that our people are in. Look at OUR children... it takes a village right? We collectively have failed our children as

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Why is Polyandry so carefully ignored by the men in this group. Polygamy includes both a man with multiple wives and a woman with multiple husbands. There are many young teenage boys selling their bodies to older men for money, many young men confused by not having proper male role models. Therefore since Polygamy is espoused, the option of a woman with multiple husbands must also be considered. Many of the women I personally know, make more money than men, are raising their children on their own and doing just fine. To assume that a woman will be destitute (and resort to prostitution) if she does not marry a man, or becomes a co-wife is really showing a lot of ignorance. Many African Americans can testify to their own Black Matriarch in the family. African American women have been the main provider and nurturer within the community for decades - all while African American men have ignored their own family. Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man? We should not - this topic stems from African American feeling helpless and insecure. And their way of feeling in control is by controlling women and children. When maybe what needs to be controlled is their insatiable sexual appetites, and out of control egos. Men are quick to feel threatened if a woman is stepping out of her female "role" in society. Yet women are slow to feel threatened when we encounter male beauticians, male dancers, teachers, etc. Women accept men in traditionally female roles, but men will not tolerate a woman in a traditionally male role for one second. So, from my perspective, this subject of polygamy is not about African American women needing financial help, it is about African American men needing to feel empowered by controlling as many Black women as possible. The word PIMP comes to mind in that regard.

Don't get me wrong, all things considered African American men need to take their **responsible** place within the community and family. But it needs to be a position of respect, humility, grace, and a responsible attitude. Not one of control, keeping a woman in her place, taking as many women (and boys) in their bed as possible, etc. This is not very responsible. Many Blacks in America need to also realize and acknowledge their Native American Indian heritage as well. Not everything needs to be taken from the continent of Africa (no disrespect).

Personally I am not a proponent of any Polygamous situation. If there are needs within the community, then we can work together to help each other out. But not to the point of requiring to have sex with someone to provide that help - that is prostitution. If a man feels he has to have sex with a woman in order to help her, then he is highly ignorant and sex-crazed. Helping fatherless and/or motherless children in the community can be done in a great number of ways without further victimizing single mothers and single fathers. Remember AGAPE love, not selfish and self-serving actions. Helping a family



does not translate in a man taking control of that family, marrying that woman as a co-wife, and having sex with her - that is only helping the man to satisfy his insatiable appetite for more sex. Grow up, helping others starts with their needs - not yours. And if you cannot help without taking away someone's virtue, dignity, and freedom then kindly tend to the responsibilities you are already committed to.

By the way, many men did not grow-up in a culture that accepts this practice as normal either - Judeo-Christian values aside.

Peace,

Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Peter Gray

**To:** Marc Washington

**Sent:** Tue, January 12, 2010 8:18:20 PM

**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

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|31396|2010-01-17 09:53:16|hebrew b'yisrael|Re: Hebrew/polygamy|

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"effeminate" men [lady boys] in these asian countries  
due to the shortage of women. they even have special  
bathrooms from trans sexed men.

I could provide references but check it out.

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 11:00:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy

"...due to the shortage of women..."

Interesting Hebrew, China I know has a shortage of women because of their one child law and the killing of infant girls because they favor boy births...I ain't figured that one out yet. The other countries you mentioned has a shortage of women because..... ?

If you know of a link or article please let me know what it is. Besides natural disasters of some sort, I can't think of any reason(s) why they would have a woman shortage, but polygamy is not the answer IMO, because it would appear to deprive other men of getting a wife since there are more men than women.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

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**From:** hebrew b'yisrael  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Marc Washington"  
**Date:** Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:23 AM

polygamy is common practice in Nepal, parts of China, Tibet, Bhutan, & other countries around there due to the shortage of women.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 10:07:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

Peter

PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to hear her in her own words.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = I To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, know....no problem.

As for Nigerians or some West Africans engaging in polygamy as a cultural norm, and not trying to become "Westernized" and condemning it.....that is due to their indigenous religion being slowly eroded by conversion to Christianity. Or, their lack of finances to afford a polygamous lifestyle.

I believe that East Africans are predominantly Islamic in modern times, so they too will consider polygamy a cultural norm and treat women as "air head", second class citizens to boot.

Thanks for the book titles, I will try to read a literary critique on-line unless you want to do it for me....no way I can afford to purchase more books at this time.

Now, Peter....do you want to discuss the benefits of multiple husbands and why men avoid the topic.....ROTFL! !!!

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--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:34 AM

Yes polygamy is still considered "normal" in many parts of West Africa (e.g., Nigeria), in the sense that it is a common practice. Check out these books from the Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Half of a Yellow Sun* [set in the time of the Biafran War, 1967-70]; and *Purple Hibiscus*.

Nowadays, it is considered politically correct to condemn the practice, largely because of patronizing Western liberal thinking. I do believe that Africans themselves will come to reject and abandon it as they attempt to modernize, i.e. Westernize, and I suspect the driving force for that change will be the limited ability of the MALE to afford it.

Forgive my ignorance, but what is ROTFL?  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
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"...Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal..."  
Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social practice depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except for those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless some catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community. If it is about female genital mutilation.. ..well, that was an individual tribal "norm" and not an African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing if some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it is not normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis head of men to keep things balanced. "...don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground." Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. Women can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements, protection, child rearing and monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.

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Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:18 PM

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From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/shouldn't engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have always had more than one wife from time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system is not the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/egyptianvoodopriest/2010/01/07/polygamy-shouldnt-we-click-above>



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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| 31397|2010-01-17 09:53:30|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Shri Sa/polygamy|

"This is not about attacking black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions..."

Hello Shri,

that is the way I was reading the thread thus far, without taking anything out of context or "reading into" something that wasn't there. The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.

Personally, I have no "frame of reference" for what Ginger is claiming about the black community because my father was my "hero" even as a small child, and my mom...had to be an angel in disguise. While it was rare in the inner-city to have both birth parents in the home, that was my norm and I was envied by others although we were just as poor as they were living paycheck-to-paycheck.

So maybe this polygamy thread is what upsets women, as they get the short-end of the deal as usual.

Take care,  
sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 5:12 AM

Ms. Ginger Daniels,

This is not about attacking Black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions. Now you seem to feel that you are justified with a personal attack on me. Sister you don't even know me, and you are way out of line. Maybe you would like to be a co-wife, be my guest. I will no longer speak in defense of hard working responsible Black women.

Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you, as you become a co-wife in Polygamous situation.

Peace,  
Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Ginger Daniels  
**To:** "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroup s.com"  
**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 2:36:50 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Peace to you my sister.

I have a question for you.

When did this conversation become about attacking the black man? This is a prime example of the deeply rooted problems that exist within us as a people. Black women seem to focus on what black men do / do not do.... and we never take credit for our share of the blame. This is the "voice" that black men constantly complain about. Sistas belittling them, being disrespectful, and speaking in a manner that can breakdown his manhood. I mean this with all due respect to you sista, but I'm not down with degrading OR devaluing the black man. He is dealing with that on a daily basis in a world of white supremacy. That is not to make ANY EXCUSES for the problems that exist in our communities as a result of the black man's behavior... but as black women we need to be more aware of what is going on in this society and what is breaking our men down.

First of all, NOBODY can tell me ANYTHING about what black women can or cannot do, and how we are being affected (and our children) by the behavior of some of our black men. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER. I GREW UP WITHOUT MY FATHER IN THE HOUSEHOLD. But you know what? My mother wasn't there either. So I have seen the affects FIRST HAND and I have studied our people for most of my adult life. So I'm not sitting back making excuses for black men. I know what the institutions of this country are doing to them. I know what an inferior education can do to a black man. I know what having an abusive father in the household can do to a black man. I know what having NO father can do to a black man. Most of us (blk wmn) are growing up with our mothers in the household. So yes, not having a father is critical to our



upbringing, but the same-sex parent is the most important figure to a child. So our men are coming up emasculated - identifying with their mothers - or they are turning to the streets to look for men to model themselves after. We had a long discussion here on this forum about black women being able to pose nude on magazine covers... their right to express themselves freely. Everyone was all gung-ho to let the sista go on the cover and make a fool of herself. Not realizing that this wicked media / society is attacking our men below their belts and keeping them focused on sex sex sex. They are living in a world that is constantly telling them "you are not loved" so they look for love in sex. I don't want to go too far into this, but BLACK WOMEN need to start being more knowledgeable about what is going on in the world. It's great to study Kemet, and our ancestors, but it is a waste of time if you are not aware of what is going on right now, today.

If you choose to date outside your race, fine. You go right ahead. I hear a lot of black women singing that song right now. Because it's being pumped all through the media... only 42% of black women have ever been married. Where will these women find men? Where will all the "educated, independent" black women find men? Well you know what, YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT. White people are feeding you your thoughts and you are believing what you are being told. I'm not saying that there is not an issue with black women being single, there is. But to be honest, the ones that I see, talking about what a black man can or cannot do... probably are turning the good black men away. AND THERE ARE MANY OF THEM OUT THERE. You know what an educated, independent black woman should do? Find her a good black man with potential and help him to become an educated, successful black man. All these negative thoughts that we have in our minds manifest themselves into reality. "All black men are dogs. They all leave their women and children." THAT IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF MAN YOU WILL RUN INTO WITH THOSE THOUGHTS. And if he dogged you and left you alone, you should share in that shame and irresponsibility because you should be more careful about who you lay down with. Sex is NOT a game. The act in itself takes two people. That takes NOTHING away from what his responsibilities are. But I'm SICK AND TIRED of black women blaming all our problems on our men. And here we are waving this carrot stick... if you don't act right I'm gonna go get with an Asian, white man etc. GOOD. Let's hope when you get that white man you can make steps toward killing white supremacy. Let's hope you can get some of your people jobs, health care, economic stability - since your man has a so called prominent position in this society. I don't see that happening. I wonder why...

How many black women are deadbeat mothers? How many of them have multiple men running in and out of their homes for their young boys to see... so that he can grow up and imitate that behavior? How many black women cheer their daughters when Beyonce comes on and she shakes her little behind? How many black women are letting the tv raise their children? How many black women be-little their sons and daughters when out in public? (ONE OF THE WORST THINGS YOU CAN DO TO A CHILD) How many black women smoke and drink in front of their children? How many of them dress "sexy" around their sons? How many of them teach their daughters to be strong and independent women, and subconsciously teach their sons to be timid

and weak? How many black women go in and sit in on their sons classes and see what a public school classroom looks like from his perspective? We keep talking about what black men aren't doing. WHO RAISED THEM? If we've been doing it all on our own, then why are our sons turning out to be these types of men? PLEASE stop this way of thinking. IT IS GETTING US NO WHERE BUT RIGHT WHERE WE ARE.

I am really astounded that you would use a movie to shed light on your point. The media is highly active in the destruction of the black family. A man tried to rape her niece in a movie, and a hispanic man came and saved the day. Why do we always point to athletes, as if they represent all 40 million of us as a whole? Because thats whats on TV. CNN shows black women without black men, then closes the series Black In America with a white man coming through and saving the day. BET is showing you black men who dont like black women. THATS BECAUSE THEY DONT LIKE THEMSELVES. This is what self hatred looks like. Your response, these movies, the violence, the homosexuality, the over-indulgence in EVERYTHING, the materialism, the abuse, the molestation. .. white people dont have to touch us anymore. We have become our own worst enemies.

I am not PRO BLACK WOMAN. I am not PRO BLACK MAN. I am PRO BLACK FAMILY. There is no circle without the man, woman, and child. You can complete your circle with another race, thats fine. To each his own. But I am always curious if these other races are cognizant of what it will take to raise a black child. Will he study your history? Will he implement social programs for that child that will teach them to be proud of who they are? Or will they only confront race when out in the world... like so many mixed children today do... parents aren't teaching them the reality of the world because their in love. So they grow up hating their black selves and trying to conform to white peoples (or whatever race) world. NOW YOU AS THE MOTHER can take the responsibility for that.

I'm not anti-polygamy, anti-polyandry, anti-single, anti-gay, I'm not anti anything. I am 100% PRO BLACK FAMILY. So these things do not fit into what I think is proper for me or my children. But black women have bigger fish to fry, than to sit around worrying about what a man and a woman decide to do inside the confines of their own home. Women face abuse everyday in so called monogamous relationships. So do men. Women in monogamous relationships often share their men with other women, knowingly or not. So do men. This situation is one of the reasons that AIDS is so rampant in our communities. And its not all on the men. You lay down with dogs you get flees.

People, lets elevate our way of thinking!

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 18:38:08 -0800

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Raising a family without a man is what so many Black women have had to do during those times when Black men have literally walked away from their responsibilities. Instead of berating and insulting Black women for having the strength to survive while Black men in America have not stepped up to their responsibilities, maybe this disdain should be turned towards the many deadbeat fathers out there. And there are a great many Black men who do not want to have any part of rearing/raising their children - are they aware how much they are needed? Why have so many Black men chosen to date and impregnate Black women - and then chose to just walk away from their own children? Many black women want the support of their children's father while at the same time not having to be subject to abuse. And many Black men either want everything from their children's mother (sex, marriage, or sex without marriage), or else they will not have anything at all to do with their own children. Why do Black men behave like that? I would like to hear a black man on this forum address the issue of why so many Black men literally do not want anything to do with their own children? And also address why so many black men choose to date and marry outside our Black community. Society as a whole teaches everyone that Black women are not worthy, that we are ugly, and fit to be mummies, maids, and mommas. While White women are the standard of beauty, are better mothers, and better wives than Black women.. How has the behavior of Black men in America helped or hurt that stereotype? In the mean time, Black women have had to endure and survive without their own Black men. Black men have, on the other hand, survived with whatever women they can get their hands on, e.g. Black women, White women, Asian women, Hispanic women...Black men survive regardless. I have even seen a talk show by Black men on BET where many Black men outright state they don't even need Black women. And many Black men literally have lives exactly like that. Many Black celebrities and athletes choose to marry white women...just look at the line up. Why are those Black men never challenged or humiliated by other Black men? It is always Black women putting down other Black women...and we are not even choosing to marry outside of our race....not yet anyway. Black men date and have children with Black women everyday.... walk away from their responsibilities. ....marry white, asian, hispanic women....Black women raise our children alone - not by choice many times....Then black men propose that - after countless generations of them not helping to rear their own children or marry us (they marry other races of women) - the best solution for correcting their mistakes is for us to share them with other Black women.

Well, if they value themselves that much, why have Black men not proposed to marry more than one white woman? Why not marry more than one Asian woman? Why not marry more than one Hispanic woman? Please take your pimpin' tendencies some where else. Black women have put up with enough

bad behavior from Black men. If Black men are not willing to behave in a decent and respectable manner, then I would date/marry outside my Black community. As the movie, "I Can Do Bad All By Myself" taught me, there can be love and support found outside our race. (The main female character in the movie dated a married man **that tried to rape her niece** -which is the exact behavior married men display, they can never get enough. Thankfully the Hispanic man stepped up to such poor behavior from the Black men) That to me is a better option than continuing to deal with poor behavior from Black men. "Families need a man for balance", OK. But if Black men do not want to be there, no one can force him. And Black women should not be held responsible for the actions of grown men.  
Peace

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**Sent:** Wed, January 13, 2010 7:52:43 PM  
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nor can I but in my opinion neither should men and just because you "can" does not mean you "should". Women can have a lot of babies or just a few and yes even none and the problems we face as a community do NOT need to be addressed with men having more than one woman. Why not suggest that we help one another and hire our own ppl the way that other cultures do? Suggest that families help their extended families and create financial havens that support our ppl instead of polygamy?? I mean really solutions are just opportunities to do things in different ways so why suggest the same old thing and especially when you can see that others are not accepting of it?

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I cannot, as a woman, imagine having multiple husbands / sexual partners at one time. And if you take on multiple husbands, do you take on the ideology of polygamy - meaning you support all of these men at the same time? Or do they all pool their resources to take care of you and your multiple children. Will you ever NOT be pregnant, if you are birthing children for multiple men?

"Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man?"

There is no real FAMILY without a man. I can't stand this thinking. If it took him to bring the child to life, then it will take him or some other man to raise that child. Parenting is a two person job. Of course we can maintain, we've been doing it. But look at the situation that our people are in. Look at OUR children... it takes a village right? We collectively have failed our children as

70% of our households are headed by women. This is not the way, I'm sorry. Peace.

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Why is Polyandry so carefully ignored by the men in this group. Polygamy includes both a man with multiple wives and a woman with multiple husbands. There are many young teenage boys selling their bodies to older men for money, many young men confused by not having proper male role models. Therefore since Polygamy is espoused, the option of a woman with multiple husbands must also be considered. Many of the women I personally know, make more money than men, are raising their children on their own and doing just fine. To assume that a woman will be destitute (and resort to prostitution) if she does not marry a man, or becomes a co-wife is really showing a lot of ignorance. Many African Americans can testify to their own Black Matriarch in the family. African American women have been the main provider and nurturer within the community for decades - all while African American men have ignored their own family. Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man? We should not - this topic stems from African American feeling helpless and insecure. And their way of feeling in control is by controlling women and children. When maybe what needs to be controlled is their insatiable sexual appetites, and out of control egos. Men are quick to feel threatened if a woman is stepping out of her female "role" in society. Yet women are slow to feel threatened when we encounter male beauticians, male dancers teachers, etc. Women accept men in traditionally female roles, but men will not tolerate a woman in a traditionally male role for one second. So, from my perspective, this subject of polygamy is not about an African American woman needing financial help, it is about African American men needing to feel empowered by controlling as many Black women as possible. The word PIMP comes to mind in that regard.

Don't get me wrong, all things considered African American men need to take their **responsible** place within the community and family. But it needs to be a position of respect, humility, grace, and a responsible attitude. Not one of control, keeping a woman in her place, taking as many women (and boys) in their bed as possible, etc. This is not very responsible. Many Blacks in America need to also realize and acknowledge their Native American Indian heritage as well. Not everything needs to be taken from the continent of Africa (no disrespect).

Personally I am not a proponent of any Polygamous situation. If there are needs within the community, then we can work together to help each other out. But not to the point of requiring to have sex with someone to provide that help - that is prostitution. If a man feels he has to have sex with a woman in order to help her, then he is highly ignorant and sex-crazed. Helping fatherless and/or motherless children in the community can be done in a great number of ways without further victimizing single mothers and single fathers. Remember AGAPE love, not selfish and self-serving actions. Helping a family

does not translate in a man taking control of that family, marrying that woman as a co-wife, and having sex with her - that is only helping the man to satisfy his insatiable appetite for more sex. Grow up, helping others starts with their needs - not yours. And if you cannot help without taking away someone's virtue, dignity, and freedom then kindly tend to the responsibilities you are already committed to.

By the way, many men did not grow-up in a culture that accepts this practice as normal either - Judeo-Christian values aside.

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Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/should not engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have done it since time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, only for the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
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| 31398|2010-01-17 09:53:46|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Rescuing 'jihad' from terrorists|

I said this on the christianized forum so I will say it here....

"jihad" doesn't mean anything more than "spiritual struggle". One can have a jihad with dieting, cigarettes, drinking or anything else individually....it does not mean fighting with other people. It is an internal struggle to reach one's highest spiritualpotential in life....NOT death.

Sekhmet

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Personal Message:

Sheesh...when I say it it goes in one ear and out the other.....

[http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/panelists/salman\\_ahmad/2010/01/rescuing\\_jihad\\_from\\_the\\_terrorists.html?referrer=emaillink](http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/panelists/salman_ahmad/2010/01/rescuing_jihad_from_the_terrorists.html?referrer=emaillink)

**Rescuing 'jihad' from the terrorists**



There's a verse from the Holy Qur'an which says: "Behold, We have created you all out of a father and a mother, and have made you into nations and tribes, so that you might come to know one another." (49:13)

With all the recent news on the various terror alerts and networks of young men linking Pakistan and Afghanistan to Yemen to Nigeria to Jordan to America, its not surprising that within our one, global, human family, fear and division seems to be winning the battle over hope and unity. Especially when it involves relations between America and the Muslim world.

But don't let any self-styled "jihadis" or misguided Islamophobes fool you into thinking that the twain can't meet. On 9/11 Osama Bin Laden and al-Qaeda hijacked the word jihad from the Muslim community and turned something meant to be a positive spiritual struggle or striving for self improvement into something ugly, dark and fear inspiring.

In my new book, 'Rock and Roll Jihad, ' I'm stealing the "j" word back.

[\(Read an excerpt from the book.\)](#)

Inside the covers of this book, I've tried to harmonize my passion for Rock and Roll and coexistence with a jihad, or a struggle, to understand my life's purpose. I hope by sharing these stories of passion, kinship and adventure, I will, in a small way, help illuminate how deeply interconnected we all are. Through these personal experiences with music, poetry, passion, faith, family and friends I intend to joyously reaffirm the unity of our collective human existence.

God willing, this book will help you open doors within your heart to view the world with renewed hope and perhaps you just might even decide to embark on your own personal journey of self-discovery, truth and knowing.

When we see with the heart all the masks fall down.

[\(Read an excerpt from the book.\)](#)

[\(Listen](#) to Junoon's first single from "Rock and Roll Jihad.")

[What is jihad?](#)

By Salman Ahmad | January 11, 2010;

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| 31399|2010-01-17 09:53:58|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fw: For Top of the Morning Natchez Democrat about Haiti and your|

Hello Tafari,

I am sitting here just shaking my head at both articles. It is interesting how an excuse is always given for withholding aid for disaster victims. Thank GOD Obama is in office at this critical time

for Haiti.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

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To: maatcollective@yahogroups.com  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 4:27 PM



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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Subject: For Top of the Morning Natchez Democrat about Haiti and your article headlines  
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Cc: hannapub@bellsouth. net  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 4:08 PM

Your Friday Morning news article headline about helping the earthquake victims of Haiti was insulting to say the least. How could your paper even phantom the idea to print such an outrageous misleading headline: Red Cross ready to help Haiti if needed!

The whole world knows Haiti needs all the help the world can share and more, due to the wholesale devastation of the physical structures of homes, schools, hospitals, government buildings, other buildings and the huge amount of injuries and loss of human lives.

Your headline in my mind tended to be confusing and could have given an impression to some readers that immediate humanitarian help is not needed in Haiti!

What is more disheartening were comments about what the Federal authorities are saying and doing, as well as perceptions about the safety of people going to Haiti to help out.

Yes! People in Haiti need help from many sources, politics and personal beliefs aside.

For persons who will not wait until whatever, I have located a reliable and hands-on the ground person in Haiti for years helping children source to which you can make monetary and materials contributions.

The in the United States working partner for this Haitian on the ground source is the long time Community Bookstore institution in New Orleans Louisiana.

The New Orleans community long since associated with "Sister Vera" and her Community Bookstore came together January 15, 2010 and they decided to carry out a "coordinated effort rather than have people making scattered efforts."

The vehicle for providing a one stop umbrella source for getting funds and supplies directly on the ground

at the grassroots people levels is the well known community based foundation in Haiti. It is named The Hope For Haitians Children Foundation. It is operated by the long time New Orleans friend Sister Marie Jose Poux in Haiti. The Community Bookstore in New Orleans maintains a warehouse where they have collected material donations and shipped them to the Foundation over the years. They are now accepting the most needed items asked for by the Hope For Haitians Children Foundation on the ground in Haiti. These items are medical supplies (pain relievers for children and adults, alcohol, bandages, etc.), staple dry food goods, tents, generators, flashlights, batteries and just about anything you can think of that children and their parents can use immediately. Your monetary donations are to be made to the order of: Hope for Haitians Children Foundation. Send in c/o: Community Bookstore 2523 Bayou Road New Orleans, La. 70119. Phone contact for the New Orleans Vice President of the Hope for Haitians Children Foundation is: 504-948-0159 at the Community Bookstore. You can call them and check them out! Persons having material donations who wish to drop them off for the Foundation's warehouse shipment from New Orleans to Haiti, can drop material donations at 2523 Bayou Road New Orleans. I have provided this people helping people aid to go directly to the people in need in information in the same manner as I did when directing relief supplies and funds to on the ground communities devastated by hurricane Katrina. And in the same manner I have been known to do since the 1960's community action services programs I operated in California. If you have something to share, thank God for the blessings of sharing.. Ser Seshs Ab Heter-CM Boxley, Natchez Ms.

## Red Cross ready to help in Haiti

By [Emily Ham](#) ([Contact](#)) | The Natchez Democrat

Published Friday, January 15, 2010

NATCHEZ The Adams County Chapter of the American Red Cross is **ready to help in Haiti if needed.**

"We are keeping contact with national headquarters. If (the international Red Cross) needs anything other than the supplies they have on hand, they will call on the chapters in the U.S.," Chapter Executive Director Debra Davis said.

While time will tell what supplies are needed in Haiti as rescue efforts continue and rebuilding begins after Tuesday's devastating earthquake, there is one resource the country is in need of right now money.

"We have a Web site where an individual can go donate funds toward patient relief [american.redcross.org/haiti](http://american.redcross.org/haiti)," Davis said.

Federal authorities have said at this time only search and rescue personnel, equipment and supplies are being allowed into the country.

The state of Mississippi has a Web site listing way in which local residents can help [www.governorbarbour.com/haitirelief/](http://www.governorbarbour.com/haitirelief/).

Davis said monetary donations are something anyone can offer, but there are select individuals that could be called on to do more if the International Red Cross calls on them.

"For the U.S., what we can do is donate funds because at this point, they are going to call on their most experienced (disaster relief) workers," Davis said.

Among Adams County volunteers, Davis said there are a handful of local people with

the field experience needed.

Natchez resident and retired nurse Ann Thornhill is one of those people.

However, Thornhill said she doesn't believe she'll be making a trip to Haiti.

"(As of Thursday), the American Red Cross is not sending anyone. It would be handled through the International Red Cross," Thornhill said.

Thornhill said the American Red Cross is a member of the International Red Cross, but it usually aids through collecting and sending money to disaster sites when it is needed.

**"Maybe a month or so down the line when things are safer** for our people, volunteers could be sent," Thornhill said. "Most of our people are retired and (the American Red Cross) always puts safety first."

Thornhill has worked with the Red Cross for 12 years and helped during the aftermath of Sept. 11, 2001, at Ground Zero and during hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Gustav and George, Tropical Storm Allison and floods in Iowa and Oklahoma.

Thornhill said many disasters have common elements of disorder, and Haiti is probably experiencing many of them.

"It's probably total chaos (in Haiti). **There is a great deal of danger involved in volunteering because there are so many prisoners loose,**" Thornhill said. "There are diseases and they have no medicine right now, and with the warmer weather coming, (bodies) are going to start decomposing and there are going to be more diseases."

Natchez resident Lee Jones, and owner of J.M. Jones Lumber Company, said during his experience in the Caribbean, he has come close to the Haitian border, but never entered the country.

"My son got married (in the Dominican Republic) about three years ago and (my wife and I) traveled while we were there. But we never set foot in Haiti. They don't recommend that tourists go there. They say it's unsanitary, and it's not real safe," Jones said.

Jones said he traveled within 20 miles of the county's border and was amazed at the poverty he saw in the surrounding area.

"They were living with total and utter poverty before this earthquake hit," Jones said.

"The houses they build are made of tin and with no structural re-enforcement whatsoever.

"(The country has) so many people in such a small area and a history of anarchy that they never get tourism.

The international Red Cross estimated 45,000 to 50,000 people were killed in Tuesday's cataclysmic earthquake, based on information from the Haitian Red Cross and government officials.

Recovery teams resorted to using bulldozers to transport loads of dead..

The 7.0-magnitude quake struck late Tuesday afternoon.

| 31400|2010-01-17 09:54:17|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Anger at bottlenecks in Haitian Aide|

This is almost as bad as the Tsunami victims being unable to get supplies in the rural areas. My goodness, what a mess!!! -Sekhmet

pookynem2@yahoo.com has sent you this article from The Independent.  
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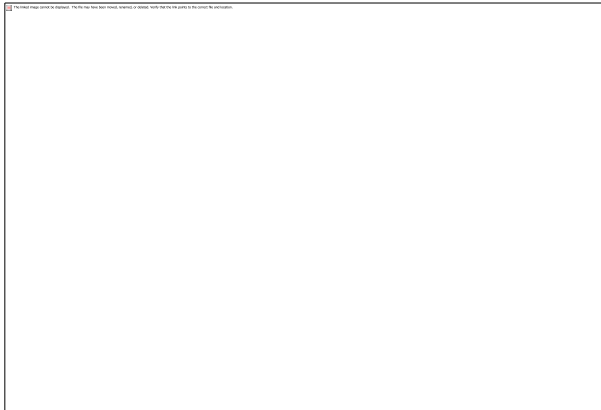
Thanks so much Europe, China and South America!!

# THE INDEPENDENT

Image of hope amid the despair

Associated Press

*Friday, 15 January 2010*



**AP Photo/Gerald Herbert**

A Spanish rescuer holds two-year-old Redjeson Hausteen Claude, as his father Reginald Claude looks on, after he was rescued from a collapsed home in the aftermath of the powerful earthquake in Port-au-Prince

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A glimmer of hope emerged from the horror of the Haiti earthquake today as a two-year-old boy was pulled alive from his collapsed home.

Dirty and teary-eyed, Redjeson Hausteen Claude appeared to smile at his ecstatic mother as he was carried from the rubble by a Spanish rescue team.

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But elsewhere there was little hope. Another child, nine-year-old Haryssa Keem Clerge, had been trapped inside a basement and had been heard begging to be rescued as neighbours clawed at the rubble of one of hundreds of toppled structures teetering on the side of a ravine.

Just hours later her lifeless body was finally pulled from the mass of concrete and twisted metal. Wrapped in a green bath towel, it was placed inside a loose desk drawer. With nowhere to take it, the body was then left on the hood of a battered Isuzu Trooper.

"There are no police, no anybody," said the child's despairing godmother, Kettely Clerge. A day earlier, the little girl's mother, Lauranie Jean, was pulled from the rubble of the same house. She lay moaning inside a tent Thursday as volunteers rubbed ointment into open wounds on her sides.

The death toll from the devastating earthquake in Haiti may be as high as 50,000 to 100,000 people, the Pan American Health Organization said on Friday. Jon Andrus of PAHO, the Americas arm of the World Health organization, told a news briefing: "A variety of sources are estimating the numbers (at) between 50,000 and 100,000."

Meanwhile aid workers hoping to distribute food, water and other supplies to a shattered Port-au-Prince are warning their efforts may need more security today as Haitians grow increasingly desperate and impatient for help.

Hundreds of US paratroopers arrived overnight to back up the relief effort. Hard-pressed government workers, meanwhile, were burying thousands of bodies in mass graves. The Red Cross estimates 45,000 to 50,000 people were killed in Tuesday's cataclysmic earthquake.

More and more today, the focus fell on the daunting challenge of getting food and water to millions of survivors. United Nations peacekeepers patrolling the capital said people's anger is rising that aid hasn't been distributed quickly, and the Brazilian military warned aid convoys to add security to guard against looting.

"Unfortunately, they're slowly getting more angry and impatient," said David Wimhurst, spokesman for the Brazilian-commanded UN peacekeeping mission. "I fear, we're all aware that the situation is getting more tense as the poorest people who need so much are waiting for deliveries. I think tempers might be frayed."

The UN World Food Programme reported today that its warehouses in the Haitian capital had been looted since the devastating quake. It later announced that most of the stocks taken from the four warehouses had been recovered.

A spokeswoman for the Rome-based agency, Emilia Casella, noted that regular food stores in the city also had been emptied by looters. Casella said the WFP was preparing shipments of enough ready-to-eat meals to feed two million Haitians for a month.

### **Video: Desperation and anger for aid grows**

The UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said today he would soon travel to Haiti "both to show solidarity with the people of Haiti and our UN staff and to assess the situation for myself".

The latest confirmed death toll among UN personnel in Haiti is 37, with around 330 UN personnel missing or unaccounted for out of roughly 12,000 in Haiti.

Ban said the United Nations was focusing on more than its own personnel and was trying to coordinate rescue efforts from the Port-au-Prince airport.

More than 300 troops of the US 82nd Airborne Division arrived at the Port au Prince airport overnight and others have arrived in nearby waters on the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, Lt. Gen. Ken Keen told ABC's "Good Morning America."

"We have much more support on the way. Our priority is getting relief out to the needy people," he said.

About 5,500 US soldiers and Marines are expected to be in Haiti by Monday. Their efforts will include providing security, White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said.

Hundreds of bodies were stacked outside the city morgue, and limbs of the dead protruded from the rubble of crushed schools and homes. A few workers were able to free people who had been trapped under the rubble for days, including a New Jersey woman, Sarla Chand, freed by French firefighters yesterday from the collapsed Montana Hotel. But others attended to the grim task of using bulldozers to transport loads of bodies.

Haitian President Rene Preval told The Miami Herald that over a 20-hour period government crews had removed 7,000 corpses from the streets and morgues and buried them in mass graves.

For the long-suffering people of Haiti, the western hemisphere's poorest nation, shock was giving way to despair.

"We need food. The people are suffering. My neighbours and friends are suffering,"

said Sylvain Angerlotte, 22. "We don't have money. We don't have nothing to eat. We need pure water."

From Europe, Asia and the Americas, more than 20 governments, the UN and private aid groups were sending plane loads of high-energy biscuits and other food, tons of water, tents, blankets, water-purification gear, heavy equipment for removing debris, helicopters and other transport. Hundreds of search-and-rescue, medical and other specialists also headed to Haiti.

The WFP began organising distribution centres for food and water yesterday, said Kim Bolduc, acting chief of the large UN mission in this desperately poor country. She said that "the risk of having social unrest very soon" made it important to move quickly.

### **Video: Red Cross estimates 50,000 toll**

Governments and government agencies have pledged about \$400m worth of aid, including \$100m from the United States.

But into the third day following the 7.0-magnitude quake, the global helping hand was slowed by a damaged seaport and an airport that turned away civilian aid planes for eight hours yesterday because of a lack of space and fuel.

Aid workers have been blocked by debris on inadequate roads and by survivors gathered in the open out of fear of aftershocks and re-entering unstable buildings.

"The physical destruction is so great that physically getting from point A to B with the supplies is not an easy task," Casella, the WFP spokeswoman in Geneva, said at a news conference.

Across the sprawling, hilly city, people milled about in open areas, hopeful for help, sometimes setting up camps amid piles of salvaged goods, including food scavenged from the rubble.

Small groups could be seen burying dead by roadsides. Other dust-covered bodies were being dragged down streets, toward hospitals where relatives hoped to leave them. Countless dead remained unburied, some in piles. Outside one pharmacy, the body of a woman was covered by a sheet, a small bundle atop her, a tiny foot poking from its covering.

Aid worker Fevil Dubien said some people were almost fighting over the water he distributed from a truck in a northern Port-au-Prince neighbourhood.

Elsewhere, about 50 Haitians yearning for food and water rushed toward two employees wearing "Food For The Poor" T-shirts as they entered the international



agency's damaged building.

"We heard a commotion at the door, knocking at it, trying to get in," said project manager Liony Batista. "'What's going on? Are you giving us some food?' We said, 'Uh-oh.' You never know when people are going over the edge."

Batista said he and others tried to calm the crowd, which eventually dispersed after being told food hadn't yet arrived.

"We're not trying to run away from what we do," Batista said, adding that coordinating aid has been a challenge. "People looked desperate, people looked hungry, people looked lost."

Engineers from the UN mission have begun clearing some main roads, and law-and-order duties have fallen completely to the mission's 3,000 international troops and police.

Wimhurst, the mission spokesman, said Haitian police "are not visible at all," no doubt because many had to deal with lost homes and family members. The first US military units to arrive took on a coordinating role at the airport.

Batista, the Food For The Poor project manager, went back to the Dominican Republic late yesterday and awaited the arrival of 100 shipping containers loaded with rice, canned goods and building supplies.

"I don't think that a word has been invented for what is happening in Haiti," he said. "It is total disaster."

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| 31401|2010-01-17 09:54:19|Ginger Daniels|Re: \*\*\*\*\*THE CODES MANIFESTO!\*\*\*\*\*|  
Here is the breakdown of the alkaline issue you addressed from the man who wrote the Codes Manifesto -

There are a lot of charts online that tell you which foods are alkaline (pH of 8 to 14) and which foods are acidic (pH of 1 to 6). However, many of the charts contradict each other. So to make matter very simple to follow, most plants are alkaline. You are safe with fruits, vegetables and anything that you could eat raw. Meats, starches and other cooked foods are mainly acidic and create a condition in the body called Acidosis. Processed foods (man made, synthetic) are totally out. All sicknesses and diseases live and thrive in this acidic environment. The same sicknesses cannot live in an alkaline pH. Soda is extremely acidic, more than vodka!

Of course we need the minerals contained in some cooked foods, but we do not need a full plate

of cooked foods every night. That's where the 80/20 rule comes from. Once the food is cooked beyond 118 degrees Fahrenheit, the digestive enzymes in it break down. Now your body must manufacture its own digestive enzymes to breakdown the food. However, in the digestion process of cooked foods acid builds up in the system and needs to be neutralized by alkaline food and water. If it is not neutralized, your body will store the acid in your blood vessels and arteries, which leads to high blood pressure and later heart failure.

Furthermore, our blood has a pH of about 7.35 and this needs to be maintained or we die. So if alkaline food is not present, your body takes the alkaline minerals it needs from the marrows of the bone which will later cause a host of other problems. All of this is avoided by returning to alkaline foods.

Alkaline water is not easy to get unless you own a water ionizer (expensive, but I bought one), pure water is neutral (pH 7.0) and will have to do. Water neutralizes when it is boiled, I know because I have tested it many times. You should have a water testing kit in your house to test all fluids that you drink

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 12:13:08 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] \*\*\*\*\*THE CODES MANIFESTO!\*\*\*\*\*

"...What are you drinking?... "

Hello Ginger,

I will look for the other email to read it, but Hebrew has been sending posts about no water in several states so it may be in that date period.

Anyhoo, everyone drinks the water provided by their city/state water system. Bottled water(s) are usually not in the average person's price range in urban settings, and if they have a filtering system it has to be maintained of course.

If you are using an alkaline supplement and it is working for you....fine, no problem; but the original "codes manifesto" recommended an 80% intake of alkaline water and foods daily. I don't know who wrote it, or why they recommended such a large amount of alkali in the average person's diet, but I would advise against it for most people that don't have an imbalance.

Shirley asked where to find it, which put me on alert because of the history of black people being given medical dis/misinformation for decades. My concern starts with black Americans because I am one and worked on medical research targeting the black American community and their health and well-being. I am not challenging anyone's understanding of the "Codes Manifesto" but black Americans have the highest number of people with hypertension, diabetes and other long-term diseases that prescription medicines are given for, and they take them without understanding the side effects they can cause.

"....natural balance has been off for some time now...a very unhealthy people as a whole..."

Alright, but that sounds more like holistic medicine to me....and I have no problem with holistic medicine, I get their e-zine weekly. However, it would seem to me that people would have to test their water supply for pollutants first, also to see if there is some acid-alkali imbalance that needs correcting before adding something that may not be needed before they develop alkalosis

unintentionally. As for cancer being a "man made" disease....well, I haven't a clue but it is not outside the realm of possibility in the age of technology. I will look at your links on pollution, etc. and get back with you if you don't mind.

BTW, I am not accusing you of endorsing anything on this forum, just clarifying what I see could become a potential problem healthwise.

Sekhmet,  
Registered Nurse

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] \*\*\*\*\*THE CODES MANIFESTO!\*\* \*\*\*  
To: "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroup s.com"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 6:49 PM

"I am curious why anyone would disturb the balance."

The balance in not only African Americans, but ALL people is anything but normal. I sent out an email recently titled "what are you drinking?" Not sure if anyone read it as I received no responses, but here are some of the most significant points -

**"Each day, millions of Americans turn on their taps and get water that exceeds the legal limits for dangerous contaminants. "**

**"Seventy years ago, before we had this multitude of chemical compounds in our environment, 1 in 50 people could expect to get cancer in his or her life time. Today, 1 in 3 Americans, 1 in 2 males, will become cancer statistics! Cancer is a man-made disease, and almost completely preventable."**

**"Each year in the U.S., lead in drinking water contributes to 480,000 cases of learning disorders in children and 560,000 cases of hypertension in adult males."**

**"More than 45 million Americans drank water supplied by systems where the unregulated and potentially deadly contaminant Cryptosporidium was found in their raw or treated water."**

This is just a small portion of the original email. You can go to the yahoo user group to find the original thread. Also, please the attached link to the study done on water pollution. <http://www.umich.edu/~gs265/society/waterpollution.htm>

Now, I in no way endorse anyone taking alkaline without researching it themselves. I myself can testify, however, that since adding a few drops to my drinking water for the past year and a half, I rarely if ever get sick. It is also said

to prevent many ailments that most people rush to the doctor to get prescriptions for... how do these things affect the "natural balance in people". If you have access to your own water stream or water filtering system, then perhaps this does not apply to you. But studies show that bottled water, and even filtered water cannot remove with 100% certainty all of the impurities in water, especially with the astounding amount of people on prescription drugs. These contaminants are released from the system and eventually go right back into the water system that is supposedly filtered. We as a people get all of our water and most of our food from the hands of someone else. The natural balance in our systems have been off for some time now. Doctors are now telling black men that cancer is a genetic health issue... ok, if you believe that.

"A recently released report on Bay Area cancer statistics found that black men continue to have the highest overall rates of cancer, with Asian/Pacific Islander women continuing to experience the lowest overall rates, according to the Northern California Cancer Center." <http://cbs5.com/local/bay.area.cancer.2.708436.html>

Here is the definition of alkalosis -

The lungs and kidneys regulate the acid/base status of the body. Decreased carbon dioxide (an acid) or increased bicarbonate (a base) levels make the body too alkaline, a condition called alkalosis.

Causes of alkalosis:

- [Respiratory alkalosis](#) is caused by low carbon dioxide levels. Being at a high altitude or having a [disease](#)



that reduces oxygen in the blood can cause you to breathe faster ([hyperventilate](#)), which lowers carbon dioxide levels.

- Metabolic alkalosis is caused by too much bicarbonate in the blood.
- Hypochloremic alkalosis is caused by an extreme lack or loss of chloride, which can occur with prolonged [vomiting](#)



- Hypokalemic alkalosis is caused by the kidneys' response to an extreme lack or loss of [potassium](#), which can occur when people take certain diuretic [medications](#)

- Compensated alkalosis occurs when the body returns the acid/base balance to normal in cases of alkalosis, but bicarbonate and carbon dioxide levels remain abnormal.

This does not occur from adding alkaline to your dietary intake. Please do not mistake the two. Adding alkaline to the diet is to increase the PH in the body, to get them BACK to their normal levels to prevent all of the health complications that this and all societies are facing. If you read the study on water pollution, you will find that the current state of drinking water is lacking the normal hydrogen and oxygen compounds. Studies have been done to show that alkaline drinking water or additives restore those compounds in the body. I AM NOT ENDORSING ANY PRODUCT OR ADDITIVE. Just as you can find research that agrees to the success of alkaline water, there are certainly those who say there is no proof of the benefit. My point is that we are a very unhealthy people as a hole. Lets find out what is going so wrong and work towards solutions to get us back to our natural state. Peace.

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Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 15:27:10 -0800

From: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] \*\*\*\*\*THE CODES MINIFESTO!\*\* \*\*

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

"...what and where do I find alkaline water?"

Hello Shirley, those are good questions and with the delicate inner "water system" of most Americans, Hopefully Ginger or someone else will explain the "80% alkaline diet.

I would like to know where "alkaline water" can be found myself, please see the copy belc (some of it may be a bit technical) but I wouldn't recommend a diet composed of mainly a food or water for long periods -Sekhmet:

Alkalosis



#### Pronunciations

Alkalosis is excessive blood alkalinity caused by an overabundance of bicarbonate in the blood or a loss of acid from the blood (metabolic alkalosis), or by a low level of carbon dioxide in the blood that results from rapid or deep

breathing (respiratory alkalosis).

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| 31402|2010-01-17 09:54:54|sekhmet Johnson|Re: \*\*\*\*\*THE CODES MANIFESTO!\*\*\*\*\*|  
Hello Ginger,  
thanks for this breakdown of the 80-20 thing. Most of it I already knew from school, but others probably need it in the simpler terms you provided. Soda is a "treat" sometimes, but hold the Vodka for medical wound cleansing if nothing else. (I hope Shirley reads this one.)  
Hebrew had suggested communal living arrangements in an earlier post, and that sounds like a good idea but it won't work without a water source of some kind. And as much as I love to eat plants of all kinds, I still want meat in my diet...sorry, but pork fat RULES!!!  
thanks again,  
Sekhmet

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From: Ginger Daniels

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] \*\*\*\*\*THE CODES MANIFESTO!\*\*\*\*\*

To: "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com" , pookynem2@yahoo.com, sappie1952@yahoo.com

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 11:54 PM

Here is the breakdown of the alkaline issue you addressed from the man who wrote the Codes Manifesto -

There are a lot of charts online that tell you which foods are alkaline (pH of 8 to 14) and which foods are acidic (pH of 1 to 6). However, many of the charts contradict each other. So to make matter very simple to follow, most plants are alkaline. You are safe with fruits, vegetables and anything that you could eat raw. Meats, starches and other cooked foods are mainly acidic and create a condition in the body called Acidosis. Processed foods (man made, synthetic) are totally out. All sicknesses and diseases live and thrive in this acidic environment. The same sicknesses cannot live in an alkaline pH. Soda is extremely acidic, more than vodka!

Of course we need the minerals contained in some cooked foods, but we do not need a full plate of cooked foods every night. That's where the 80/20 rule comes from. Once the food is cooked beyond 118 degrees Fahrenheit, the digestive enzymes in it break down. Now your body must manufacture its own digestive enzymes to breakdown the food. However, in the digestion process of cooked foods acid builds up in the system and needs to be neutralized by alkaline food and water. If it is not neutralized, your body will store the acid in your blood vessels and arteries, which leads to high blood pressure and later heart failure.

Furthermore, our blood has a pH of about 7.35 and this needs to be maintained or we die. So if alkaline food is not present, your body takes the alkaline minerals it needs from the marrows of the bone which will later cause a host of other problems. All of this is avoided by returning to alkaline foods.

Alkaline water is not easy to get unless you own a water ionizer (expensive, but I bought one), pure water is neutral (pH 7.0) and will have to do. Water neutralizes when it is boiled, I know because I have tested it many times. You should have a water testing kit in your house to test all fluids that you drink

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From: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 12:13:08 -0800

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] \*\*\*\*\*THE CODES MANIFESTO!\*\*\*\*\*

"...What are you drinking?... "

Hello Ginger,

I will look for the other email to read it, but Hebrew has been sending posts about no water in several states so it may be in that date period.

Anyhoo, everyone drinks the water provided by their city/state water system. Bottled water(s) are usually not in the average person's price range in urban settings, and if they have a filtering system it has to be maintained of course.

If you are using an alkaline supplement and it is working for you....fine, no problem; but the original "codes manifesto" recommended an 80% intake of alkaline water and foods daily. I don't know who wrote it, or why they recommended such a large amount of alkali in the average persons diet, but I would advise against it for most people that don't have an imbalance.

Shirley asked where to find it, which put me on alert because of the history of black people being given medicaldis/misinformation for decades. My concern starts with black Americans because I am one and worked on medical research targeting the black American community and their health and well-being. I am not challenging anyone's understanding of the "Codes Manifesto" but black Americans have the highest number of people with hypertension, diabetes and other long-term diseases that prescription medicines are given for, and they take them without understanding the side effects they can cause.

"....natural balance has been off for some time now...a very unhealthy people as a whole..."

Alright, but that sounds more like holistic medicine to me....and I have no problem with holistic medicine, I get their e-zine weekly. However, it would seem to me that people would have to test their water supply for pollutants first, also to see if there is some acid-alkali imbalance that needs correcting before adding something that may not be needed before they develop alkalosis unintentionally. As for cancer being a "man made" disease....well, I haven't a clue but it is not outside the realm of possibility in the age of technology. I will look at your links on pollution, etc. and get back with you if you don't mind.

BTW, I am not accusing you of endorsing anything on this forum, just clarifying what I see could become a potential problem healthwise.

Sekhmet,

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"I am curious why anyone would disturb the balance."

The balance in not only African Americans, but ALL people is anything but normal. I sent out an email recently titled "what are you drinking?" Not sure if anyone read it as I received no responses, but here are some of the most significant points -

**"Each day, millions of Americans turn on their taps and get water that exceeds the legal limits for dangerous contaminants. "**

**"Seventy years ago, before we had this multitude of chemical compounds in our environment, 1 in 50 people could expect to get cancer in his or her life time. Today, 1 in 3 Americans, 1 in 2 males, will become cancer statistics! Cancer is a man-made disease, and almost completely preventable."**

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This is just a small portion of the original email. You can go to the yahoo user group to find the original thread. Also, please the attached link to the study done on water polution. <http://www.umich.edu/~gs265/society/waterpolution.htm>

Now, I in no way endorse anyone taking alkaline without researching it themselves. I myself can testify, however, that since adding a few drops to my drinking water for the past year and a half, I rarely if ever get sick. It is also said to prevent many ailments that most people rush to the doctor to get prescriptions for... how do these things affect the "natural balance in people". If you have access to your own water stream or water filtering system, then perhaps this does not apply to you. But studies show that bottled water, and even filtered water cannot remove with 100% certainty all of the impurities in water, especially with the astounding amount of people on prescription drugs. These contaminants are released from the system and eventually go right back into the water system that is supposedly filtered. We as a people get all of our water and most of our food from the hands of someone else. The natural balance in our systems have been off for some time now. Doctors are now telling black men that cancer is a genetic health issue... ok, if you believe that.

"A recently released report on Bay Area cancer statistics found that black men continue to have the highest overall rates of cancer, with Asian/Pacific Islander women continuing to experience the lowest overall rates, according to the Northern California Cancer Center." <http://cbs5.com/local/bay.area.cancer.2.708436.html>

Here is the definition of alkalosis -

The lungs and kidneys regulate the acid/base status of the body. Decreased carbon dioxide (an acid) or increased bicarbonate (a base) levels make the body too alkaline, a condition called alkalosis.

Causes of alkalosis:

- [Respiratory alkalosis](#) is caused by low carbon dioxide levels. Being at a

high altitude or having a [disease](#)



that reduces oxygen in the blood can cause you to breathe faster ([hyperventilate](#)), which lowers carbon dioxide levels.

- Metabolic alkalosis is caused by too much bicarbonate in the blood.
- Hypochloremic alkalosis is caused by an extreme lack or loss of chloride, which can occur with prolonged [vomiting](#)



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- Hypokalemic alkalosis is caused by the kidneys' response to an extreme lack or loss of [potassium](#), which can occur when people take certain diuretic [medications](#)



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- Compensated alkalosis occurs when the body returns the acid/base balance to normal in cases of alkalosis, but bicarbonate and carbon dioxide levels remain abnormal.

This does not occur from adding alkaline to your dietary intake. Please do not mistake the two. Adding alkaline to the diet is to increase the PH in the body, to get them BACK to their normal levels to prevent all of the health complications that this and all societies are facing. If you read the study on water pollution, you will find that the current state of drinking water is lacking the normal hydrogen and oxygen compounds. Studies have been done to show that alkaline drinking water or additives restore those compounds in the body. I AM NOT ENDORSING ANY PRODUCT OR ADDITIVE. Just as you can find research that agrees to the success of alkaline water, there are certainly those who say there is no proof of the benefit. My point is that we are a very unhealthy people as a hole. Lets find out what is going so wrong and work towards solutions to get us back to our natural state. Peace.

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Hello Shirley, those are good questions and with the delicate inner "water system" of most Americans, Hopefully Ginger or someone else will explain the "80% alkaline diet.

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| 31403|2010-01-17 09:55:44|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Cristofori/old nubia|

"...Marcus Garvey....an African army..."

Hello Cristofori...

yeah...(((heavy sigh)))...and not just Garvey, but every other black male/female leader trying to get or maintain support and knowledge of other black people(s). I may still have an article I sent to another forum about Haile Selassie during WW II. It is disturbing how folks come together to destroy any Africans throughout history....

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From: cristofori whitakara

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 2:16 PM

everytime an african is attacked i think of marcus garvey. i think he spoke of a an african military force to protect africans and things african?

--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 1:46 PM

Hello Cristofori,

I am constantly amazed at the mistreatment of black Africans and Africa itself at the hands of descendants of the Greco-Roman Empire (((shaking my head))). I wrote to the U.S. diplomatic core about building the dam without regard to the people living there, and any archaeological history that would be lost under tons of water!!! Guess my words fell on deaf ears....again, because it was just a bunch of black folks becoming homeless and without proof of any history from the ancient past (((heavy sigh))).

Thanks for the link, read copy below to clearly understand the above comments..-Sekhmet

## **SOS Save the Nubians : The Nubian Tsunami**

The Nubian who strived hard over several centuries to maintain identity, culture and heritage as descendents of great African Civilizations are always subject to well orchestrated , manipulated and systematic ethnic cleansing. This cleansing process took different shapes: -inundation of Nubian land "Aswan Dam High DamMeroi Dam", deprivation from all central governments care (no Medicare or education), marginalization (overlooking of Nubians as active and existing minority) and make their land as such rejecting to force Nubians to abandon it

Since the construction of the High Dam in 1964, the Nubians have sacrificed their heritage and land for the welfare of Egypt and Sudan. The Nubians were dispersed all over the Sudan and Egypt as well as in many countries around the globe. Some who strived and struggled to return to the shores of Lake Nubian have made the resurrection of Wade Half a forced reality.

Those who were forcefully relocated in Butana plains in eastern Sudan suffered as the New Halfa Project collapsed gradually for many reasons of mismanagement, poor drainage, and invasion of shrubs and weeds. Now most of them are scattered all over the outskirts of Sudanese towns and cities. The whole Nubian land in Wadi Halfa, Sikkout and Mahas have suffered from marginalization , overlooking and neglect. In spite of the suffering the Nubians did not spare an opportunity or an effort to reconstruct the land of their ancestors and have submitted several proposals to the authorities which were , unfortunately, ignored.

On the other hand several of those who were relocated (e.g. those from Argin ) have returned in large numbers and tried hard to establish a decent life on the western shores of the Nile where old Argin existed. They built houses and developed a number of agricultural projects on their own initiatives without any support from the government of Sudan. Instead of helping Nubian people, by rebuilding Wadi Halfa and supporting Argin projects, the government decided to sell 6.1 million feddans( 1.6 m announced to fake reality) of the Nubian land to Egypt for irrigation with waters extracted from the Nubian Aquifer . All this took place in full exclusion of the Nubians who have in the past built a civilization which is still echoing its flavour and pride all over the world.

The Nubians as one of several other marginalized and overlooked indigenous minorities of Sudan hoped, while Sudan is advancing towards the dawn Peace following the sign of Peace at Nivasha (Kenya between Government of Sudan and the SPLA/M of South Sudan), that the government would have handled this matter with what it deserves from transparency and have strived to allow the Sudanese people in general and the Nubians in particular to participate in shaping their future in a participatory fashion. Alternatively what is happening is that such important decisions as using the water from the Nubian Aquifer and land are being handled in secrecy and without the involvement of the people who own this wealth historically. Several of the members of the ruling party has been allocated hundreds of thousands of feddans from Nubian land for their own use and benefit!!

We plead to the international community to share with the Nubians the concern that these resources are not only for the Nubians but for all the future generations of the Sudan in the south,

the north, the west and the east. The Nubian Aquifer is the natural reservoir of water supplies for coming generations of the Sudanese. It is worth noting also that the current century have been declared the "water century " pointing to the importance of judicious and wise use of this precious resource in a sustainable way. This is a calamity that exceeds all sufferings the Nubians went through in their history and could be compared in its damaging scale and magnitude to the recent Tsunami crisis in the Far East and South Asia waters.. .

In consideration of the above the Nubian voice their strong objection to what is being done in breach and violation of the right of Nubians in their lands and ground water. Indeed, the Nubians support proper investment and prosperity of the people living in the Nile Valley . However, this investment should observe the legal and historic rights of the Nubian People who live in these areas As well as the concerns of the future generations of the whole Sudanese People. We appeal to the free and concerned world to address the Government of Sudan to:

1. to develop a legal document which conserves the common property rights of the Nubian People to the water and land resources in this area
2. To speed up the formation of the Land Authority in the Northern State . The Authority should be given legal jurisdictions for any investment in the area
3. Provide enough water for the agricultural schemes in the Nubian Lands from Wadi Halfa to Dongola
4. To establish Authority for the development of all Agricultural Schemes in the Northern States. This authority should be the only legal body with jurisdiction over any future use of land and water resources in Nubian Land. The authority should have the power to oversee and provide governance to all investment and development issues related to irrigation, cropping and natural resource management. All private and public investors should get permission to undertake any development activities from this agency

My goodness; shades of Katrina just keep rearing it's ugly head....now what about Haiti?  
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<http://www.thenubian.net/nubold.php>

Hello Ginger,

I really think you need to "ease down" in telling other black women what they are dealing with day to day.

This is a forum of black folks offering opinions on the reality of the real world and their opinions of that reality. Nothing is going to change because of this sharing of perceptions within the black community IMO. We are just sharing what is really going on, and how the wider world perceives us in the black community....especially in the USA.

I was married to a black American male, and I couldn't give his sorry behind away because of the "boys club" and their supporting each other's efforts to keep black women oppressed and looking for relationships of pert near anykind for simple human bonding. Black women have enough to deal with without supporting negative male behaviors from all over the globe and their expectations of what we will "go along with". I get enough of that crap on TV and some radio stations...thanks, I don't need it here too.

You are entitled to your opinions, but so am I and Shri Sa entitled to ours. When I mention your name I send you a personal email so you don't think I am "backdoor gossip" you because there is a delay in forum posts. I considered it a COURTESY to you, but if it is problematic....say the word, and I will no longer do so....no problem. I read Shri Sa's post before I read yours....seriously, I concur with her, you tend to take things out of context and imply it is an on your credibility or opinion, when really it is just a difference of opinion.

As for "our overly negative portrayal of black men..."...sistah PLEEZ, you are not the only one that has experience with negative men...black or not. It is called being female and experiencing "life lessons" so the crap doesn't become a habit. Being black, doesn't mean being "right" in the real world...male or female, young or old, black/white or Jap-Talian.

There are some GOOD black men in the world today..always have been, but they are "taken" by some GOOD black women. **Envious...YES; jealous...NO....**and I wish them all the best this life has to offer them and their offspring. But there are black NUTBARS too, or did you miss the articles about the young Nigerian trying to blow up a plane on Dec 30?? Am I supposed to "support" his behind too just because he is a black/African male? IF you reply....please be clear and succinct, nothing wishy-washy about what actions are supportable by the black community please. I have a PROBLEM with black people trying to kill me or my people just because "we all black" and sacrifice is supposedly written on my DNA because of my pigment.

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy

To: pookynem2@yahoo.com, shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net, "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 7:46 PM

I never once attacked you personally with anything I said. I discussed my disdain for our overly negative portrayal of black men, as if this is the only representation of what black

men are. And while we hold black men accountable, lets hold blackwomen accountable as well. Pointing the finger is great, so is looking in the mirror.

This topic started off because a member posted about polygamy and wanted input on the topic. He does not (nor his beliefs) represent all black men. Most of the black men I know are not even interested in a polygamous relationship. Black women can certainly be a handful... and most of the MEN I know cannot handle more than one at a time. I think you went overboard with your "holding them accountable" and I honestly found it a little disrespectful. There is a way to have a conversation without breaking a man down or belittling him/them. In my opinion you did both.

In all of my responses, I reiterated that I would never be in a polygamous relationship. I have a wonderful black man in my life who loves me and treats me like a queen. (he is not the father of my child and that is why I consider myself a single mother) I dont have to "defend" black women, tho I always do. My life is a testament to hard working black women.

Sekhmet said - *The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.* Then in the very next sentence she says her father was her hero. This is my point. Both of you are painting black men with a VERY LARGE BRUSH. And I think it is very unfortunate because although I did not have a father in the house, I know many good black men who are very involved in their childrens lives and are upstanding men in their communities. So I think WAAAAY too much of this thread has been committed to what black men aren't, and what they dont do. (interestingly by black women) I'm not in the business of tearing anyone down, my intent is always to edify. Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you as well... hopefully we can all work on giving the same respect that we expect in return. Peace

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 17:14:22 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

"This is not about attacking black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions..."

Hello Shri,

that is the way I was reading the thread thus far, without taking anything out of context or "reading into" something that wasn't there. The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.

Personally, I have no "frame of reference" for what Ginger is claiming about the black community because my father was my "hero" even as a small child, and my mom...had to be an angel in disguise. While it was rare in the inner-city to have both birth parents in the home, that was my norm and I was envied by others although we were just as poor as they were living

paycheck-to-paycheck.

So maybe this polygamy thread is what upsets women, as they get the short-end of the deal as usual.

Take care,  
sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 5:12 AM

Ms. Ginger Daniels,

This is not about attacking Black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions. Now you seem to feel that you are justified with a personal attack on me. Sister you don't even know me, and you are way out of line. Maybe you would like to be a co-wife, be my guest. I will no longer speak in defense of hard working responsible Black women.

Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you, as you become a co-wife in Polygamous situation.

Peace,  
Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Ginger Daniels  
**To:** "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroup s.com"  
**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 2:36:50 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Peace to you my sister.

I have a question for you.

When did this conversation become about attacking the black man? This is a prime example of the deeply rooted problems that exist within us as a people. Black women seem to focus on what black men do / do not do.... and we never take credit for our share of the blame. This is the "voice" that black men constantly complain about. Sistas belittling them, being disrespectful, and speaking in a manner that can breakdown his manhood. I mean this with all due respect to you sista, but I'm not down with degrading OR devaluing the black man. He is dealing with that on a daily basis in a world of white supremacy. That is not to make ANY EXCUSES for the problems that exist in our communities as a result of the black man's behavior... but as black women we need

to be more aware of what is going on in this society and what is breaking our men down.

First of all, NOBODY can tell me ANYTHING about what black women can or cannot do, and how we are being affected (and our children) by the behavior of some of our black men. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER. I GREW UP WITHOUT MY FATHER IN THE HOUSEHOLD. But you know what? My mother wasn't there either. So I have seen the affects FIRST HAND and I have studied our people for most of my adult life. So I'm not sitting back making excuses for black men. I know what the institutions of this country are doing to them. I know what an inferior education can do to a black man. I know what having an abusive father in the household can do to a black man. I know what having NO father can do to a black man. Most of us (blk wmn) are growing up with our mothers in the household. So yes, not having a father is critical to our upbringing, but the same-sex parent is the most important figure to a child. So our men are coming up emasculated - identifying with their mothers - or they are turning to the streets to look for men to model themselves after. We had a long discussion here on this forum about black women being able to pose nude on magazine covers... their right to express themselves freely. Everyone was all gung-ho to let the sista go on the cover and make a fool of herself. Not realizing that this wicked media / society is attacking our men below their belts and keeping them focused on sex sex sex. They are living in a world that is constantly telling them "you are not loved" so they look for love in sex. I don't want to go too far into this, but BLACK WOMEN need to start being more knowledgeable about what is going on in the world. It's great to study Kemet, and our ancestors, but it is a waste of time if you are not aware of what is going on right now, today.

If you choose to date outside your race, fine. You go right ahead. I hear a lot of black women singing that song right now. Because it's being pumped all through the media... only 42% of black women have ever been married. Where will these women find men? Where will all the "educated, independent" black women find men? Well you know what, YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT. White people are feeding you your thoughts and you are believing what you are being told. I'm not saying that there is not an issue with black women being single, there is. But to be honest, the ones that I see, talking about what a black man can or cannot do... probably are turning the good black men away. AND THERE ARE MANY OF THEM OUT THERE. You know what an educated, independent black woman should do? Find her a good black man with potential and help him to become an educated, successful black man. All these negative thoughts that we have in our minds manifest themselves into reality. "All black men are dogs. They all leave their women and children." THAT IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF MAN YOU WILL RUN INTO WITH THOSE THOUGHTS. And if he dogged you and left you alone, you should share in that shame and irresponsibility because you should be more careful about who you lay down with. Sex is NOT a game. The act in itself takes two people. That takes NOTHING away from what his responsibilities are. But I'm SICK AND TIRED of black women blaming all our problems on our men. And here we are waving this carrot stick... if you don't act right I'm gonna go get with an Asian, white man etc. GOOD. Let's hope when you get that white man you can make steps toward



killing white supremacy. Lets hope you can get some of your people jobs, health care, economic stability - since your man has a so called prominent position in this society. I dont see that happening. I wonder why...

How many black women are deadbeat mothers? How many of them have multiple men running in and out of their homes for their young boys to see... so that he can grow up and imitate that behavior? How many black women cheer their daughters when Beyonce comes on and she shakes her little behind? How many black women are letting the tv raise their children? How many black women belittle their sons and daughters when out in public? (ONE OF THE WORST THINGS YOU CAN DO TO A CHILD) How many black women smoke and drink in front of their children? How many of them dress "sexy" around their sons? How many of them teach their daughters to be strong and independent women, and subconsciously teach their sons to be timid and weak? How many black women go in and sit in on their sons classes and see what a public school classroom looks like from his perspective? We keep talking about what black men aren't doing. WHO RAISED THEM? If we've been doing it all on our own, then why are our sons turning out to be these types of men? PLEASE stop this way of thinking. IT IS GETTING US NOWHERE BUT RIGHT WHERE WE ARE.

I am really astounded that you would use a movie to shed light on your point. The media is highly active in the destruction of the black family. A man tried to rape her niece in a movie, and a hispanic man came and saved the day. Why do we always point to athletes, as if they represent all 40 million of us as a whole? Because that's what's on TV. CNN shows black women without black men, then closes the series Black In America with a white man coming through and saving the day. BET is showing you black men who don't like black women. THAT'S BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE THEMSELVES. This is what self hatred looks like. Your response, these movies, the violence, the homosexuality, the over-indulgence in EVERYTHING, the materialism, the abuse, the molestation. .. white people don't have to touch us anymore. We have become our own worst enemies.

I am not PRO BLACK WOMAN. I am not PRO BLACK MAN. I am PRO BLACK FAMILY. There is no circle without the man, woman, and child. You can complete your circle with another race, that's fine. To each his own. But I am always curious if these other races are cognizant of what it will take to raise a black child. Will he study your history? Will he implement social programs for that child that will teach them to be proud of who they are? Or will they only confront race when out in the world... like so many mixed children today do... parents aren't teaching them the reality of the world because they're in love. So they grow up hating their black selves and trying to conform to white people's (or whatever race) world. NOW YOU AS THE MOTHER can take the responsibility for that.

I'm not anti-polygamy, anti-polyandry, anti-single, anti-gay, I'm not anti anything. I am 100% PRO BLACK FAMILY. So these things do not fit into what I think is proper for me or my children. But black women have bigger fish to fry, than to sit around worrying about what a man and a woman decide to do inside the confines of their own

home. Women face abuse everyday in so called monogamous relationships. So do men. Women in monogamous relationships often share their men with other women, knowingly or not. So do men. This situation is one of the reasons that AIDS is so rampant in our communities. And its not all on the men. You lay down with dogs you get flees.

People, lets elevate our way of thinking!

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 18:38:08 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Raising a family without a man is what so many Black women have had to do during those times when Black men have literally walked away from their responsibilities. Instead of berating and insulting Black women for having the strength to survive while Black men in America have not stepped up to their responsibilities, maybe this disdain should be turned towards the many deadbeat fathers out there. And there are a great many Black men who do not want to have any part of rearing/raising their children - are they aware how much they are needed? Why have so many Black men chosen to date and impregnate Black women - and then chose to just walk away from their own children? Many black women want the support of their children's father while at the same time not having to be subject to abuse. And many Black men either want everything from their children's mother (sex, marriage, or sex without marriage), or else they will not have anything at all to do with their own children. Why do Black men behave like that? I would like to hear a black man on this forum address the issue of why so many Black men literally do not want anything to do with their own children? And also address why so many black men choose to date and marry outside our Black community. Society as a whole teaches everyone that Black women are not worthy, that we are ugly, and fit to be mummies, maids, and mommas. While White women are the standard of beauty, are better mothers, and better wives than Black women.. How has the behavior of Black men in America helped or hurt that stereotype? In the mean time, Black women have had to endure and survive without their own Black men. Black men have, on the other hand, survived with whatever women they can get their hands on, e.g. Black women, White women, Asian women, Hispanic, women...Black men survive regardless. I have even seen a talk show by Black men on BET where many Black men outright state they don't even need Black women. And many Black men literally have lives exactly like that. Many Black celebrities and athletes choose to marry white women...just look at the line up. Why are those Black men never challenged

or humiliated by other Black men? It is always Black women putting down other Black women...and we are not even choosing to marry outside of our race....not yet anyway. Black men date and have children with Black women everyday.... walk away from their responsibilities. ....marry white, asian, hispanic women....Black women raise our children alone - not by choice many times.....Then black men propose that - after countless generations of them not helping to rear their own children or marry us (they marry other races of women) - the best solution for correcting their mistakes is for us to share them with other Black women.

Well, if they value themselves that much, why have Black men not proposed to marry more than one white woman? Why not marry more than one Asian woman? Why not marry more than one Hispanic woman? Please take your pimpin' tendencies some where else. Black women have put up with enough bad behavior from Black men. If Black men are not willing to behave in a decent and respectable manner, then I would date/marry outside my Black community. As the movie, "I Can Do Bad All By Myself" taught me, there can be love and support found outside our race. (The main female character in the movie dated a married man **that tried to rape her niece** -which is the exact behavior married men display, they can never get enough. Thankfully the Hispanic man stepped up to such poor behavior from the Black men) That to me is a better option than continuing to deal with poor behavior from Black men. "Families need a man for balance", OK. But if Black men do not want to be there, no one can force him. And Black women should not be held responsible for the actions of grown men.

Peace

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**From:** Li (wiseladyowl) [yahoo.com](mailto:li@wiseladyowl.com)>  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahooogroups .com  
**Sent:** Wed, January 13, 2010 7:52:43 PM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

nor can I but in my opinion neither should men and just because you "can" does not mean you "should". Women can have a lot of babies or just a few and yes even none and the problems we face as a community do NOT need to be addressed with men having more than one woman. Why not suggest that we help one another and hire our own ppl the way that other cultures do? Suggest that families help their extended families and create financial havens that support our ppl instead of polygamy?? I mean really solutions are just opportunities to do things in different ways so why suggest the same old thing and especially when you can see that others are not accepting of it?

--- On Tue, 1/12/10, Ginger Daniels [hotmail.com](mailto:ginger@hotmail.com)> wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Ta\_Seti@yahooogroup [s.com](mailto:ta_seti@yahooogroup.com)"

Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 10:36 PM

I cannot, as a woman, imagine having multiple husbands / sexual partners at one time. And if you take on multiple husbands, do you take on the ideology of polygamy - meaning you support all of these men at the same time? Or do they all pool their resources to take care of you and your multiple children. Will you ever NOT be pregnant, if you are birthing children for multiple men?

"Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man?"

There is no real FAMILY without a man. I can't stand this thinking. If it took him to bring the child to life, then it will take him or some other man to raise that child. Parenting is a two person job. Of course we can maintain, we've been doing it. But look at the situation that our people are in. Look at OUR children... it takes a village right? We collectively have failed our children as 70% of our households are headed by women. This is not the way, I'm sorry. Peace.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net

Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 19:01:17 -0800

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Why is Polyandry so carefully ignored by the men in this group. Polygamy includes both a man with multiple wives and a woman with multiple husbands. There are many young teenage boys selling their bodies to older men for money, many young men confused by not having proper male role models. Therefore since Polygamy is espoused, the option of a woman with multiple husbands must also be considered. Many of the women I personally know, make more money than men, are raising their children on their own and doing just fine. To assume that a woman will be destitute (and resort to prostitution) if she does not marry a man, or becomes a co-wife is really showing a lot of ignorance. Many African Americans can testify to their own Black Matriarch in the family. African American women have been the main provider and nurturer within the community for decades - all while African American men have ignored their own family. Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man? We should not - this topic stems from African American feeling helpless and insecure. And their way of feeling in control is by controlling women and children. When maybe what needs to be controlled is their insatiable sexual appetites, and out of control ego's. Men are quick to feel threatened if a woman is stepping out of her female "role" in society. Yet women are slow to feel threatened when we encounter male beauticians, male dancers teachers, etc. Women accept men in traditionally female roles, but men will not tolerate a woman in a traditionally male role for one second. So, from my perspective, this subject of polygamy is not about an African American woman needing financial help, it is about African American men needing to feel empowered by controlling as many Black women as possible. The word PIMP comes to mind in that regard.

Don't get me wrong, all things considered African American men need to take their **responsible** place within the community and family. But it needs to be a position of

respect, humility, grace, and a responsible attitude. Not one of control, keeping a woman in her place, taking as many women (and boys) in their bed as possible, etc. This is not very responsible. Many Blacks in America need to also realize and acknowledge their Native American Indian heritage as well. Not everything needs to be taken from the continent of Africa (no disrespect).

Personally I am not a proponent of any Polygamous situation. If there are needs within the community, then we can work together to help each other out. But not to the point of requiring to have sex with someone to provide that help - that is prostitution. If a man feels he has to have sex with a woman in order to help her, then he is highly ignorant and sex-crazed. Helping fatherless and/or motherless children in the community can be done in a great number of ways without further victimizing single mothers and single fathers. Remember AGAPE love, not selfish and self-serving actions. Helping a family does not translate in a man taking control of that family, marrying that woman as a co-wife, and having sex with her - that is only helping the man to satisfy his insatiable appetite for more sex. Grow up, helping others starts with their needs - not yours. And if you cannot help without taking away someone's virtue, dignity, and freedom then kindly tend to the responsibilities you are already committed to.

By the way, many men did not grow-up in a culture that accepts this practice as normal either - Judeo-Christian values aside.

Peace,

Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Peter Gray

**To:** Marc Washington

**Sent:** Tue, January 12, 2010 8:18:20 PM

**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com)  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is for the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of the woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though that annoys the hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to do unto you is a universal principal that anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confusion as we are still human no matter what any religious, spiritual, cultural system may approve of.  
Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/should not engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have done it time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, only for the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahooogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

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| 31405|2010-01-17 09:56:52|sekhmet Johnson|Re: SaNu/Polygamy, my 2 cents...|

"...my 2 cents...my assets covered...."

Hello SaNu, hold on while I ROTFL!!! .... don't worry we won't beat you TOO bad!

"...people confusing polygamy....with 'playa-ism...'..."

No, I don't think we are confused about the two, Wiselady gave an example of someone she knows and that is the one example we were debating, at least I was. Most adult women recognize the playa persona in the real world, unless they are young and just starting in the dating scene. That is when emotions come into play, and deceptions and drama hit an all time high for them.

"...observing traditional Afrikan cultures..."

I for one have worked with several black Africans, and none have multiple wives....or, because it was a working relationship they never mentioned such relationships. Same with the immigrant Muslims, only one had two wives and his American wife - my classmate - divorced him in America for bringing a new wife to this country after one of his "home country visits", even after she converted. Most of my older uncles converted, but discouraged me from doing so because of my "big mouth"....LOL!!...glad I listened to them, but none of them had multiple wives either...that I know of.

"...the elements are as follows..."

Yeah SaNu, that is what I was taught about Muslim multiple marriages, nothing deceptive about it....but, read the example Wiselady gave and you will understand why "polygamy" wasn't the issue, he was "creeping".

The rest of your post fits my idea of playa-ism vs polygamy as well. If the women are alright with multiple wives, no problem with me...whether Western or Eastern cultural ideology. I still see it as becoming problematic if all parties are not "on board" with it, religious ideologies aside.

Take care,

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, SaNu Teptra** wrote:

From: SaNu Teptra

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 2:06 PM

I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably



leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Africa and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional African cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional African cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional African polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional European cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, and that's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

| 31406|2010-01-17 09:57:41|Ginger Daniels|Re: Shri Sa/polygamy|

I'm done with this conversation. This is like screaming in the wind. Its pointless. If I had disrespected either of you I would understand you talking about "ease down". Everything I said was based on trying to approach this topic with a level headed perspective. I do not even believe in polygamy but I tried to bring a balanced approach to the topic from a woman's perspective. Everything that has been said from the women's perspective has been from an emotional standpoint. Even in your attempt below to "talk about the good black men" you reiterated a negative sentiment. And if I may say so... you speak about me taking things out of context... perhaps you should read some of your responses (as there have been many) in this thread. I only comment on topics on this group that I am passionate about or have interest in.

Its great that you agree with her, I agree with both of you about not being into polygamy. Neither of you acknowledged that but its ok because its not necessary. I could copy and paste all of the things that have been written on this topic that really were not relative to the initial conversation, and were what I would consider direct "pot shots" aimed at black men. But as I said before, I'm done with this conversation, as oil and water just don't mix. Peace.

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 20:23:34 -0800

From: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy

To: gingerd2007@hotmail.com

CC: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com; shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net

Hello Ginger,

I really think you need to "ease down" in telling other black women what they are dealing with day to day.

This is a forum of black folks offering opinions on the reality of the real world and their opinions of that reality. Nothing is going to change because of this sharing of perceptions within the black community IMO. We are just sharing what is really going on, and how the wider world perceives us in the black community....especially in the USA.

I was married to a black American male, and I couldn't give his sorry behind away because of the "boys club" and their supporting each other's efforts to keep black women oppressed and looking for relationships of pert near any kind for simple human bonding. Black women have enough to deal with without supporting negative male behaviors from all over the globe and their expectations of what we will "go along with". I get enough of that crap on TV and some radio stations...thanks, I don't need it here too.

You are entitled to your opinions, but so am I and Shri Sa entitled to ours. When I mention your name I send you a personal email so you don't think I am "backdoor gossip" you because there is a delay in forum posts. I considered it a COURTESY to you, but if it is problematic....say the word, and I will no longer do so....no problem. I read Shri Sa's post before I read yours....seriously, I concur with her, you tend to take things out of context and imply it is an on your credibility or opinion, when really it is just a difference of opinion.

As for "our overly negative portrayal of black men..."...sistah PLEEZ, you are not the only one that has experience with negative men...black or not. It is called being female and experiencing "life lessons" so the crap doesn't become a habit. Being black, doesn't mean being "right" in the

real world...male or female, young or old, black/white or Jap-Talian.

There are some GOOD black men in the world today..always have been, but they are "taken" by some GOOD black women. **Envious...YES; jealous...NO....**and I wish them all the best this life has to offer them and their offspring. But there are black NUTBARS too, or did you miss the articles about the young Nigerian trying to blow up a plane on Dec 30?? Am I supposed to "support" his behind too just because he is a black/African male? IF you reply....please be clear and succinct, nothing wishy-washy about what actions are supportable by the black community please. I have a PROBLEM with black people trying to kill me or my people just because "we all black" and sacrifice is supposedly written on my DNA because of my pigment.

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy

To: pookynem2@yahoo.com, shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net, "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 7:46 PM

I never once attacked you personally with anything I said. I discussed my disdain for our overly negative portrayal of black men, as if this is the only representation of what black men are. And while we hold black men accountable, lets hold blackwomen accountable as well. Pointing the finger is great, so is looking in the mirror.

This topic started off because a member posted about polygamy and wanted input on the topic. He does not (nor his beliefs) represent all black men. Most of the black men I know are not even interested in a polygamous relationship. Black women can certainly be a handful... and most of the MEN I know cannot handle more than one at a time. I think you went overboard with your "holding them accountable" and I honestly found it a little disrespectful. There is a way to have a conversation without breaking a man down or belittling him/them. In my opinion you did both.

In all of my responses, I reiterated that I would never be in a polygamous relationship. I have a wonderful black man in my life who loves me and treats me like a queen. (he is not the father of my child and that is why I consider myself a single mother) I dont have to "defend" black women, tho I always do. My life is a testament to hard working black women.

Sekhmet said - *The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.* Then in the very next sentence she says her father was her hero. This is my point. Both of you are painting black men with a VERY LARGE BRUSH. And I think it is very unfortunate because although I did not have a father in the house, I know many good

black men who are very involved in their childrens lives and are upstanding men in their communities. So I think WAAAAY too much of this thread has been committed to what black men aren't, and what they dont do. (interestingly by black women) I'm not in the business of tearing anyone down, my intent is always to edify. Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you as well... hopefully we can all work on giving the same respect that we expect in return. Peace

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 17:14:22 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

"This is not about attacking black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions..."

Hello Shri,

that is the way I was reading the thread thus far, without taking anything out of context or "reading into" something that wasn't there. The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.

Personally, I have no "frame of reference" for what Ginger is claiming about the black community because my father was my "hero" even as a small child, and my mom...had to be an angel in disguise. While it was rare in the inner-city to have both birth parents in the home, that was my norm and I was envied by others although we were just as poor as they were living paycheck-to-paycheck.

So maybe this polygamy thread is what upsets women, as they get the short-end of the deal as usual.

Take care,  
sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 5:12 AM

Ms. Ginger Daniels,

This is not about attacking Black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions. Now you seem to feel that you are justified with a personal attack on me. Sister you don't even know me, and you are way out of line. Maybe you would like to be a co-wife, be my guest. I will no longer speak

in defense of hard working responsible Black women.  
Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you, as you become a co-wife  
inPolygamous situation.

Peace,  
Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Ginger Daniels  
**To:** "Ta\_Seti@yahoo group s.com"  
**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 2:36:50 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Peace to you my sister.

I have a question for you.

When did this conversation become about attacking the black man? This is a prime example of the deeply rooted problems that exist within us as a people. Black women seem to focus on what black men do / do not do.... and we never take credit for our share of the blame. This is the "voice" that black men constantly complain about. Sistas belittling them, being disrespectful, and speaking in a manner that can break down his manhood. I mean this with all due respect to you sista, but I'm not down with degrading OR devaluing the black man. He is dealing with that on a daily basis in a world of white supremacy. That is not to make ANY EXCUSES for the problems that exist in our communities as a result of the black man's behavior... but as black women we need to be more aware of what is going on in this society and what is breaking our men down.

First of all, NOBODY can tell me ANYTHING about what black women can or cannot do, and how we are being affected (and our children) by the behavior of some of our black men. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER. I GREW UP WITHOUT MY FATHER IN THE HOUSEHOLD. But you know what? My mother wasn't there either. So I have seen the affects FIRST HAND and I have studied our people for most of my adult life. So I'm not sitting back making excuses for black men. I know what the institutions of this country are doing to them. I know what an inferior education can do to a black man. I know what having an abusive father in the household can do to a black man. I know what having NO father can do to a black man. Most of us (blk wmn) are growing up with our mothers in the household. So yes, not having a father is critical to our upbringing, but the same-sex parent is the most important figure to a child. So our men are coming up emasculated - identifying with their mothers - or they are turning to the streets to look for men to model themselves after. We had a long discussion here on this forum about black women being able to pose nude on magazine covers... their right to express themselves freely. Everyone was all gung-ho to let the sista go on the cover and make a fool of herself. Not realizing that this wicked media / society is attacking our men below their belts and keeping them focused on sex sex sex. They are living in a world that is constantly telling them "you are not loved" so they look for love in sex. I don't want to go too far into this, but BLACK WOMEN need to start being more

knowledgeable about what is going on in the world. It's great to study Kemet, and our ancestors, but it is a waste of time if you are not aware of what is going on right now, today.

If you choose to date outside your race, fine. You go right ahead. I hear a lot of black women singing that song right now. Because it's being pumped all through the media... only 42% of black women have ever been married. Where will these women find men? Where will all the "educated, independent" black women find men? Well you know what, **YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT**. White people are feeding you your thoughts and you are believing what you are being told. I'm not saying that there is not an issue with black women being single, there is. But to be honest, the ones that I see, talking about what a black man can or cannot do... probably are turning the good black men away. **AND THERE ARE MANY OF THEM OUT THERE**. You know what an educated, independent black woman should do? Find her a good black man with potential and help him to become an educated, successful black man. All these negative thoughts that we have in our minds manifest themselves into reality. "All black men are dogs. They all leave their women and children." **THAT IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF MAN YOU WILL RUN INTO WITH THOSE THOUGHTS**. And if he dogged you and left you alone, you should share in that shame and irresponsibility because you should be more careful about who you lay down with. Sex is NOT a game. The act in itself takes two people. That takes **NOTHING** away from what his responsibilities are. But I'm **SICK AND TIRED** of black women blaming all our problems on our men. And here we are waving this carrot stick... if you don't act right I'm gonna go get with an Asian, white man etc. **GOOD**. Let's hope when you get that white man you can make steps toward killing white supremacy. Let's hope you can get some of your people jobs, health care, economic stability - since your man has a so-called prominent position in this society. I don't see that happening. I wonder why...

How many black women are deadbeat mothers? How many of them have multiple men running in and out of their homes for their young boys to see... so that he can grow up and imitate that behavior? How many black women cheer their daughters when Beyonce comes on and she shakes her little behind? How many black women are letting the TV raise their children? How many black women belittle their sons and daughters when out in public? (**ONE OF THE WORST THINGS YOU CAN DO TO A CHILD**) How many black women smoke and drink in front of their children? How many of them dress "sexy" around their sons? How many of them teach their daughters to be strong and independent women, and subconsciously teach their sons to be timid and weak? How many black women go in and sit in on their sons' classes and see what a public school classroom looks like from his perspective? We keep talking about what black men aren't doing. **WHO RAISED THEM?** If we've been doing it all on our own, then why are our sons turning out to be these types of men? **PLEASE** stop this way of thinking. **IT IS GETTING US NOWHERE BUT RIGHT WHERE WE ARE**.

I am really astounded that you would use a movie to shed light on your point. The media is highly active in the destruction of the black family. A man tried to rape her niece in a movie, and a hispanic man came and saved the day. Why do we always point

to athletes, as if they represent all 40 million of us as a whole? Because thats whats on TV. CNN shows black women without black men, then closes the series Black In America with a white man coming through and saving the day. BET is showing you black men who dont like black women. THATS BECAUSE THEY DONT LIKE THEMSELVES. This is what self hatred looks like. Your response, these movies, the violence, the homosexuality, the over-indulgence in EVERYTHING, the materialism, the abuse, the molestation. .. white people dont have to touch us anymore. We have become our own worst enemies.

I am not PRO BLACK WOMAN. I am not PRO BLACK MAN. I am PRO BLACK FAMILY. There is no circle without the man, woman, and child. You can complete your circle with another race, thats fine. To each his own. But I am always curious if these other races are cognicant of what it will take to raise a black child. Will he study your history? Will he implement social programs for that child that will teach them to be proud of who they are? Or will they only confront race when out in the world... like so many mixed children today do... parents aren't teaching them the reality of the world because their in love. So they grow up hating their black selves and trying to conform to white peoples (or whatever race) world. NOW YOU AS THE MOTHER can take the responsibility for that.

I'm not anti-polygamy, anti-polyandry, anti-single, anti-gay, I'm not anti anything. I am 100% PRO BLACK FAMILY. So these things do not fit into what I think is proper for me or my children. But black women have bigger fish to fry, than to sit around worrying about what a man and a woman decide to do inside the confines of their own home. Women face abuse everyday in so called monogamous relationships. So do men. Women in monogamous relationships often share their men with other women, knowingly or not. So do men. This situation is one of the reasons that AIDS is so rampant in our communities. And its not all on the men. You lay down with dogs you get flees.

People, lets elevate our way of thinking!

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 18:38:08 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Raising a family without a man is what so many Black women have had to do during those times when Black men have literally walked away from their responsibilities. Instead of berating and insulting Black women for having the strength to survive while Black men in America have not stepped up to their responsibilities, maybe this disdain should be turned towards the many deadbeat fathers out there. And there are a great many Black men who do not

want to have any part of rearing/raising their children - are they aware how much they are needed? Why have so many Black men chosen to date and impregnate Black women - and then chose to just walk away from their own children? Many black women want the support of their children's father while at the same time not having to be subject to abuse. And many Black men either want everything from their children's mother (sex, marriage, or sex without marriage), or else they will not have anything at all to do with their own children. Why do Black men behave like that? I would like to hear a black man on this forum address the issue of why so many Black men literally do not want anything to do with their own children? And also address why so many black men choose to date and marry outside our Black community. Society as a whole teaches everyone that Black women are not worthy, that we are ugly, and fit to be mummies, maids, and mommas. While White women are the standard of beauty, are better mothers, and better wives than Black women.. How has the behavior of Black men in America helped or hurt that stereotype? In the mean time, Black women have had to endure and survive without their own Black men. Black men have, on the other hand, survived with whatever women they can get their hands on, e.g. Black women, White women, Asian women, Hispanic women...Black men survive regardless. I have even seen a talk show by Black men on BET where many Black men outright state they don't even need Black women. And many Black men literally have lives exactly like that. Many Black celebrities and athletes choose to marry white women...just look at the line up. Why are those Black men never challenged or humiliated by other Black men? It is always Black women putting down other Black women...and we are not even choosing to marry outside of our race....not yet anyway. Black men date and have children with Black women everyday.... walk away from their responsibilities. ....marry white, asian, hispanic women....Black women raise our children alone - not by choice many times.....Then black men propose that - after countless generations of them not helping to rear their own children or marry us (they marry other races of women) - the best solution for correcting their mistakes is for us to share them with other Black women.

Well, if they value themselves that much, why have Black men not proposed to marry more than one white woman? Why not marry more than one Asian woman? Why not marry more than one Hispanic woman? Please take your pimpin' tendencies some where else. Black women have put up with enough bad behavior from Black men. If Black men are not willing to behave in a decent and respectable manner, then I would date/marry outside my Black community. As the movie, "I Can Do Bad All By Myself" taught me, there can be love and support found outside our race. (The main female character in the movie dated a married man **that tried to rape her niece** -which is the exact behavior married men display, they can never get enough. Thankfully the Hispanic man stepped up to such poor behavior from the Black men) That to me is a better option than continuing to deal with poor behavior from Black



men. "Families need a man for balance", OK. But if Black men do not want to be there, no one can force him. And Black women should not be held responsible for the actions of grown men.

Peace

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**From:** Li (wiseladyowl) [yahoo.com](mailto:li@wiseladyowl.com)>  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Sent:** Wed, January 13, 2010 7:52:43 PM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

nor can I but in my opinion neither should men and just because you "can" does not mean you "should". Women can have a lot of babies or just a few and yes even none and the problems we face as a community do NOT need to be addressed with men having more than one woman. Why not suggest that we help one another and hire our own ppl the way that other cultures do? Suggest that families help their extended families and create financial havens that support our pp instead of polygamy?? I mean really solutions are just opportunities to do things in different ways so why suggest the same old thing and especially when you can see that others are not accepting of it?

--- On Tue, 1/12/10, Ginger Daniels [hotmail.com](mailto:ginger@hotmail.com)> wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroup [s.com](mailto:ta_seti@yahoogroup.com)"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 10:36 PM

I cannot, as a woman, imagine having multiple husbands / sexual partners at one time. And if you take on multiple husbands, do you take on the ideology of polygamy - meaning you support all of these men at the same time? Or do they all pool their resources to take care of you and your multiple children. Will you ever NOT be pregnant, if you are birthing children for multiple men?

"Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man?"

There is no real FAMILY without a man. I can't stand this thinking. If it took him to bring the child to life, then it will take him or some other man to raise that child. Parenting is a two person job. Of course we can maintain, we've been doing it. But look at the situation that our people are in. Look at OUR children... it takes a village right? We collectively have failed our children as 70% of our households are headed by women. This is not the way, I'm sorry. Peace.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 19:01:17 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Why is Polyandry so carefully ignored by the men in this group. Polygamy includes both

a man with multiple wives and a woman with multiple husbands. There are many young teenage boys selling their bodies to older men for money, many young men confused by not having proper male role models. Therefore since Polygamy is espoused, the option of a woman with multiple husbands must also be considered. Many of the women I personally know, make more money than men, are raising their children on their own and doing just fine. To assume that a woman will be destitute (and resort to prostitution) if she does not marry a man, or becomes a co-wife is really showing a lot of ignorance. Many African Americans can testify to their own Black Matriarch in the family. African American women have been the main provider and nurturer within the community for decades - all while African American men have ignored their own family. Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man? We should not - this topic stems from African American feeling helpless and insecure. And their way of feeling in control is by controlling women and children. When maybe what needs to be controlled is their insatiable sexual appetites, and out of control egos. Men are quick to feel threatened if a woman is stepping out of her female "role" in society. Yet women are slow to feel threatened when we encounter male beauticians, male dancers teachers, etc. Women accept men in traditionally female roles, but men will not tolerate a woman in a traditionally male role for one second. So, from my perspective, this subject of polygamy is not about African American women needing financial help, it is about African American men needing to feel empowered by controlling as many Black women as possible. The word PIMP comes to mind in that regard.

Don't get me wrong, all things considered African American men need to take their **responsible** place within the community and family. But it needs to be a position of respect, humility, grace, and a responsible attitude. Not one of control, keeping a woman in her place, taking as many women (and boys) in their bed as possible, etc. This is not very responsible. Many Blacks in America need to also realize and acknowledge their Native American Indian heritage as well. Not everything needs to be taken from the continent of Africa (no disrespect).

Personally I am not a proponent of any Polygamous situation. If there are needs within the community, then we can work together to help each other out. But not to the point of requiring to have sex with someone to provide that help - that is prostitution. If a man feels he has to have sex with a woman in order to help her, then he is highly ignorant and sex-crazed. Helping fatherless and/or motherless children in the community can be done in a great number of ways without further victimizing single mothers and single fathers. Remember AGAPE love, not selfish and self-serving actions. Helping a family does not translate in a man taking control of that family, marrying that woman as a co-wife, and having sex with her - that is only helping the man to satisfy his insatiable appetite for more sex. Grow up, helping others starts with their needs - not yours. And if you cannot help without taking away someone's virtue, dignity, and freedom then kindly tend to the responsibilities you are already committed to.

By the way, many men did not grow-up in a culture that accepts this practice as normal either - Judeo-Christian values aside.

Peace,

Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Tue, January 12, 2010 8:18:20 PM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoo.com  
From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com)  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is for the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of the woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though that annoys the hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to unto you is a universal principal that anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confusion as we are still human no matter what any religious,spiritual , cultural system may approve of.  
Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/should not engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have done it time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, only for the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

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| 31407|2010-01-17 09:57:50|hebrew b'yisrael|13 yr. old math whiz kid! Check out this site I found on StumbleUpon|

Aprille,

Please keep an eye on this young brother! He may hold the key to a new propulsion and/or energy system for space flight!

later,

he-brew

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** "hebrew77@yahoo.com"

**To:** blackandproud@yahoogroups.com

**Sent:** Sun, January 17, 2010 7:18:29 AM

**Subject:** [BlackAndProud] Check out this site I found on StumbleUpon!



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Hi,

This young brother is really amazing! I read some of his "papers" and his theories suggest a quantum leap is coming soon! H-



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| 31408|2010-01-17 09:57:57|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: Check out YouTube - The African Origins of Voodoo|

In light of the attention given to Haiti i thought a lil expo on Voodun would be appropriate ,.I know most americans and most especially the blacks of america see this as pscho-babble but its strange that many white professors of pyschology and andropology ,sociology,and arthave a great appreciation for theAfrican ancestral way of life.

My knowledge and belief see's this way of living as a window into Ancient Egypt and the path of Ausar/Ra .

## VOODOO DOLLS

The whole of Voodun society is about healing; the use of the torched one statue at the entrance to voodun villages nails hammered into its body was a way thru sympathetic magic/psychology to lead disease and all matters of vice out from the people a method of depositing filth outside the wholsomeness of the village/city- state.

The use of carving mandrake and making likeness's (ushabiti) of patients and activating

meridians wekedu/energy passages for healing fell from its use in everyday African life to a malicious necessity with the Arab, Portuguese, Spanish, English etc. committed too genocidal war on Africa.

A practice similar to acupuncture from China was used by voodoo healers it was more like melanian tattooing but unique to the African since it was only done by very advanced masters who actually used their blood in the needling or scarification hence the root of the modern vaccination technique.

This method due to the need of the High spiritual advance state of the Sramani/Hogon took the healing act out of the hands of a low initiate or immoral person but what happened during the slave trade is the knowledge passed down was left in the hands of the diaspora left among people that the slave traders made sure they could not talk among each other (Babel story) and killed all that had a distinguished unbending character of righteousness and justice. young and neophytes left to remembering their ancestral ways took to killing and socially, physically making illness for their masters fell to the two-edged sword of filthiness begetting filthiness as they did not have a initiation system raising themselves up from their animal nature/human nature so as not too become a killer of evil using evil becoming Evil., using figurines and condomble'.

How maniacal and Sinister to give those who are creating great fear and worry in you (plantation owners) a religion that allows no initiation; (moral making system) just say some words and the plantation owner and/or slave is forgiven for any sin..... this christian system fostered by ricebowl negro preachers has left the children of Ole Africa in a state of spiritual degradation and stagnation at its best.

The slave forgives the plantation owner instead of demanding justice and the plantation owner is forgiven for his sins against the slave by saying words to a false legend..... Unless he/Masser was a high freemason and then he knew he was martyring his life for to give his progeny a foot up in the world .

A foot up of great wealth and innocent ignorance, In christian bliss blind to the foundation of Seth/Typhoon they have inherited.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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| 31409|2010-01-17 09:57:57|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post|  
Excellent paper, Shri ...thanks for sharing.

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -



Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

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Here is the link from my last post: **Polygyny in Africa: A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality**

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Peace,  
Shri Sa Hetep

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Polygyny in Africa:  
A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and  
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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"<sup>(1)</sup> thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."<sup>(2)</sup>

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds.. Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to

satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girls four white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...] during the night Moon [...] had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar's body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...] Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]" (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means

power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshiping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called him Sekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[... ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god(s)" and the original humans' *modus vivendi*.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since

death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

## II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an *ad verecundiam* argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male"s Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism.. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women"s sexuality or infidelity.

#### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil



Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality" , wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problemthe male infidelityby creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

#### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

#### IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

##### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations" General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December



10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

## B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

## C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.

4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.

5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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## Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.

2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111

3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God.. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.

4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."

5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M.. 58, has been reprinted in Basic Documents

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Thank you that very illuminating and level-headed input. Much appreciated.

Peter

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I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex

and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional Afrikan cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional Afrikan cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional European cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, and that's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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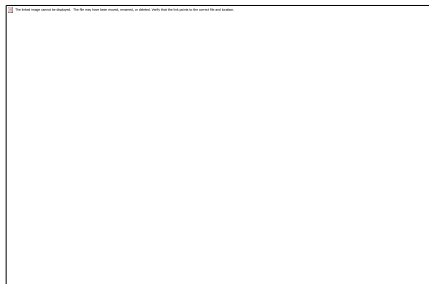
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| 31413|2010-01-17 09:58:10|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Wyclef Jean defends his Haiti charity|  
Unbelievable timing of this supposed "investigation"The second article has a YouTube link of Jean discussing this bogus investigation for those that can get audio. -Sekhmet

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--- On Sun, 1/17/10, pookynem2@yahoo.com wrote:

## Wyclef Jean defends his Haiticharity



*APHaiti's Musician Wyclef Jean arrives at the airport in Port-au-Prince on Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2010,*

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LOS ANGELES Haitian-born rapper Wyclef Jean spoke out Saturday in defense of his foundation after charity screening groups raised concerns about its accounting practices.

Jean said he was baffled by the timing and nature of criticism of The Wyclef Jean Foundation Inc., which has already raised more than \$2 million to help earthquake victims.

"It is impossible for me to even comprehend the recent attacks on my character and the integrity of my foundation," he said in a statement. "The fact that these attacks come as we are mobilized



to meet the greatest human tragedy in the history of Haiti only serves to perplex me even further."

Jean, a 37-year-old Grammy-winning artist, has been imploring followers to text "Yele" to 501501 to donate \$5 to his foundation in support of Haitian earthquake victims.

The foundation, also known as Yele Haiti, intends to airlift medical supplies, water and Clif Bars to Haiti using a FedEx plane early next week, according to foundation president Hugh Locke.

An Associated Press review of tax returns and independent audits provided by Jean's foundation showed that it was closely intertwined with Jean's businesses.

Jean said he has never profited personally through his work with the organization and he has committed significant amounts of his time and money to the charity.

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## Wyclef Jean defends integrity of his Yele Haiti Foundation

Sunday, January 17, 2010; A16

Musician Wyclef Jean responded to [criticisms](#) of his Yele Haiti Foundation Saturday with a [YouTube video](#), saying he has put \$1 million of his own money into the foundation.

"I gotta tell you, coming back in here after digging kids up . . . and finding cemeteries for them . . . this is what I come back to: an attack on my integrity and my foundation, Yele Haiti. . . . you can donate to whatever charity you want to."

Yele Haiti has raised more than \$1.5 million since the earthquake but some experts in nonprofit management have raised questions about expenses paid to businesses owned by Jean and another member of the board.

"You can't put a show together without a production," Jean said in the video, apparently referring to a \$100,000 payment to his recording studio for a benefit concert performance. "You need lights, you need a stage. . . . You need a tour manager. . . . I never, never would ever take money for my personal pocket when it comes to Yele."

In the video, Jean asks viewers to watch footage of him working with victims and decide "whether Wyclef is truth or not."

-- Susan Kinzie

| 31414|2010-01-17 09:58:18|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti aid flow grows; feuds over reaching victims - Yahoo! News|

Well I am glad SOME aide has gotten through..... -Sekhmet

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## Haiti aid flow grows; feuds over reaching victims

*By ALFRED de MONTESQUIOU and MIKE MELIA, Associated Press Writers Alfred De Montesquiou And Mike Melia, Associated Press Writers 43minsago*

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti Hungry, haggard survivors clamored for food and water Saturday as donors squabbled over how to get aid to Haiti and rescuers waged an increasingly improbable battle to free the dying before they become the dead. Haiti's government alone has already recovered 20,000 bodies not counting those recovered by independent agencies or relatives themselves, Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive told The Associated Press. He said a final toll of 100,000 dead would "seem to be the minimum."

There were growing signs that foreign aid and rescue workers were getting to the people most in need even those buried deep beneath collapsed buildings while others struggled to cope with the countless bodies still left on the streets.

Crowds of Haitians thronged around foreign workers shoveling through piles of wreckage at shattered buildings throughout the city, using sniffer dogs, shovels and in some cases heavy earth-moving equipment.

Searchers poked a camera on a wire through a hole at the collapsed Hotel Montana and spotted three people who were still alive, and they heard the voice of a woman speaking French, said Ecuadorian Red Cross worker David Betancourt.

In Washington, President Barack Obama joined with his predecessors George W. Bush and Bill Clinton to appeal for donations to help Haiti and he sent Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton to the Caribbean nation.

"We stand united with the people of Haiti, who have shown such incredible resilience, and we will help them to recover and to rebuild," Obama vowed.

Bellerive said an estimated 300,000 people are living on the streets in port-au-Prince and "Getting them water, and food, and a shelter is our top priority."

The U.S. military operating Haiti's damaged main airport said it can now handle 90 flights a day, but that wasn't enough to cope with all the planes sent by foreign donors and governments circling overhead in hopes of winning one of the few spots available on the tarmac.

France's Cooperation Minister Alain Joyandet told The Associated Press that he had filed an official complaint to the U.S. government after two French planes, one carrying a field hospital, were denied permission to land.

A plane carrying the prime ministers of two Caribbean nations also was forced to turn back late Friday due to a lack of space at the airport, the Caricom trade bloc announced. Haitian President Rene Preval urged donors to avoid arguments.

"This is an extremely difficult situation. We must keep our cool to do coordination and not to throw accusations at each other," Preval said after emerging from a meeting with donor groups and nations at a dilapidated police station that serves as his temporary headquarters.

With the National Palace and many ministries destroyed, Preval meets with ministers in the open air in a circle of plastic chairs.

On a street in the heavily damaged downtown area, the spade of a massive bulldozer quickly filled up with dead bodies headed for a morgue and immediate burial. Haiti's Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive told AP that disposing of bodies had become crucial.

"Sadly, we have to bring everybody to mass graves because we are racing against a possible epidemic," told AP. Haitians already have been piling bodies and burning them.

Many in the city have painted toothpaste around their nostrils and beg passers-by for surgical masks to cut the smell.

The U.S. Southern Command said it now has 24 helicopters flying relief missions many from warships off the coast with 4,200 military personnel involved and 6,300 more due by Monday.

But with aid still scarce in many areas, there were scattered signs that the desperate or the criminal were taking things into their own hands.

A water delivery truck driver said he was attacked in one of the city's slums. There were reports of isolated looting as young men walked through downtown with machetes, and robbers reportedly shot one man whose body was left on the street.

An AP photographer saw one looter haul a corpse from a coffin at a city cemetery and then drive away with the box.

"I don't know how much longer we can hold out," said Dee Leahy, a lay missionary from St. Louis, Missouri, who was working with nuns handing out provisions from their small stockpile. "We need food, we need medical supplies, we need medicine, we need vitamins and we need painkillers. And we need it urgently."

U.N. spokeswoman Elizabeth Byrs told the BBC that the Haiti earthquake was "one of the biggest disasters we've ever had to face." The Red Cross estimates 45,000 to 50,000 people were killed in Tuesday's magnitude-7.0 earthquake. A third of Haiti's 9 million people may be in need of aid.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the World Food Program was providing high-energy biscuits and ready-to-eat meals to around 8,000 people "several times a day."

"Obviously, that is only a drop in the bucket in the face of the massive need, but the agency will be scaling up to feed approximately 1 million people within 15 days and 2 million people within a month," he said.

The effort to get aid to the victims has been slowed by blocked roads, congestion at the airport, limited equipment and other obstacles. U.N. peacekeepers patrolling the capital said public anger was rising and warned aid convoys to add security to ward against looting.

International Red Cross spokesman Paul Conneally said a convoy with a field hospital and medical workers was heading into Haiti by road Saturday from the Dominican Republic because "it's not possible to fly anything into Port-au-Prince right now. The airport is completely congested."

The World Health Organization has said eight hospitals in Port-au-Prince were destroyed or damaged, severely curtailing treatment available for the injured.

Officials said damage to the seaport also is a problem for bringing in aid. The arrival Friday of the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson helped immediately by taking pressure off the airport. Within hours, an 82nd Airborne Division rapid response unit was handing out food, water and medical supplies from two cargo pallets outside the airport.

Others tried to help in smaller ways.

Milero Cedamou, the 33-year-old owner of a small water delivery company, twice drove his small tanker truck to a tent camp where thousands of homeless people are living. Hundreds clustered around to fill their plastic buckets.

"This is a crisis of unspeakable magnitude; it's normal for every Haitian to help,"

Cedamou said. "This is not charity."

Medical teams from a dozen other nations set up makeshift hospitals to tend to the critically injured who were still appearing.

"We have the hope we can find more people," said Chilean Maj. Rodrigo Vasquez, whose teams were trying to save those trapped at the Hotel Montana. But others weren't as hopeful. One Haitian woman sitting outside of the destroyed hotel spoke on her cell phone and sobbed. "No one's alive in there," she said in Creole.

And soon, it will be too late in any case.

"Beyond three or four days without water, they'll be pretty ill," said Dr. Michael VanRooyen of the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative in Boston. "Around three days would be where you would see people start to succumb."

Still, there were improbable triumphs.

"It's a miracle," said Anne-Marie Morel, raising her arms to the sky after a neighbor was found alive in the rubble of a home. If one person could be resuscitated from the utter destruction of this street, there remained hope that many other could still be found alive, she said.

"Nonsense, there is no God and no miracle," shouted back Remi Polevard, another neighbor, who said his five children were somewhere under the nearby debris.

"How could he do this to us?" Polevard yelled.

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Associated Press writers contributing to this story included Jonathan M. Katz, Paul Haven, Tamara Lush and Jennifer Kay in Port-au-Prince; Ramon Almanzar in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic; Alexander G. Higgins, Frank Jordans and Bradley S. Klapper in Geneva; Edith M. Lederer at the United Nations; Danica Coto and David McFadden in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

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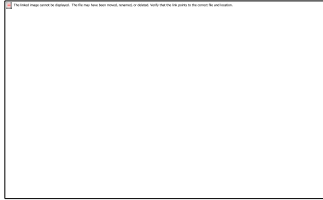
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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Asar Imhotep** wrote:

From: Asar Imhotep  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Lecture: OUR LINEAGE - Egypt, The Bible, Ifa & The African-American  
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| 31417|2010-01-17 09:58:45|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson|

"...Obama for taking 3 whole days..."

Sheesh...(((heavy sigh)))...

with regard to a foreign country, diplomats, etc, etc....the talking heads are GUESSING it took 3 days to respond to the incident. Hell, I heard about it within 24 hours and I am a NObody relevant. Seriously, I "felt" the earth move...not the first time...but it occurred in California first, then moved to Haiti the next day.

Haiti is a SEPARATE subject/concern which is why it took hours. Haiti is still a USA protectorate, which Limbaugh carefully pointed out to his listeners. While there are several Americans...and other foreign businesses/corporations....doing BUSINESS in Haiti, the people are still the poorest nation in the area. The media is even complaining about Cuba not sending aide to Haiti, which I find laughable since Haiti is a "fourth world" nation....Cuba is really a "third world" nation and couldn't send aide if they had it; they are busy with their own natural disasters and nutbars. I ain't mad at them, but the average people really need some GLOBAL information on just which countries have money and who does not.

If Cuba didn't send any aide to Haiti....I understand....they didn't have it TO send!! Cubans have been hurting for decades too. (Now wait for some talking head to "clarify" why the USA had something to do with that too.) Robertson is a "jesus freak" who needs to shut the heck up if he is not going to aide the Haitians instead of riling up racist hatemongers.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 8:40 AM

What about RushLimbaugh critizing Obama for taking 3 whole days to respond to the attempted Christmas Day "terrorist attack"but taking only 3 hours to respond to the Haitian earthquake?

Limbaugh charged that this horrific situation simply plays into thehands of Obama and allows him to consildate his base among black and brown Americans.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahooogroups .com

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 12:45:49 -0800

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson

Sometimes I just shake my head....does anyone still listen to Pat Robertson and think he makes common sense?

Sekhmet

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Personal Message: Well for crying out loud.....

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## Haiti, the devil and Pat Robertson

**By David Waters**

Pat Robertson is at it again. The purported Christian minister who suggested assassinating Venezuela leader Hugo Chavez and nuking the U.S. State Department, the reputed follower of Jesus who blamed the 9/11 terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina on pagans, abortionists, feminists, gays and lesbians, is now attributing the Haitian earthquake to Haiti's "[pact to the devil](#)."

"Something happened a long time ago in Haiti and people might not want to talk about," Robertson said Tuesday on his 700 Club show. "They were under the heel of the French, you know Napoleon the third and whatever. And they got together and swore a pact to the devil. They said 'We will serve you if you will get us free from the prince.' True story. And so the devil said, 'Ok it's a deal.' And they kicked the French out. The Haitians revolted and got something themselves free. But ever since they have been cursed by one thing after another."

One can only assume that Robertson is alluding to the fact that a majority of Haitians believe in and practice some forms of [voodoo](#). Perhaps he's also referring to the fact that [Roman Catholicism](#) is the official religion of Haiti. It's also possible Robertson doesn't know what he's talking about.

Michael Lindsay, a Rice University sociologist and author of the book "Faith in the Halls of Power: How Evangelicals Joined the American Elite," suggests that Robertson does indeed know what he's talking about, and why: "Pat Robertson continues to distinguish himself as American evangelicalism's most flamboyant spokesperson. When tragedies strike, people naturally ask questions about why bad things happen to the innocent, and millions of Americans see the hand of God or the devil at work in natural calamities," Lindsay said. "But few religious leaders today draw the kinds of explicit connection as Pat Robertson has done with the Haitian earthquake. Robertson's comments reflect as much [his rhetorical flourish and skill as a ratings booster as they do his theology](#)."

Years ago I wrote a column saying that we should pay attention to the crazy things Robertson says because his thinking reflects the thinking of millions of fundamentalist Christians, many of whom support his multi-million-dollar



"Christian" media empire and the political views he espouses. Maybe I was wrong. Maybe the time has come to stop paying attention to Pat Robertson. Surely the time has come for Robertson to stop making such shameful comments. Considering the massive death, destruction and misery in Haiti, it is shameful for anyone -- but especially a so-called minister of the gospel -- to suggest that God or the poor people of Haiti had anything to do with it.

Do you agree?

UPDATE: In a [statement](#) on its Web site, the Christian Broadcasting Network said Robertson was speaking objectively about Haiti's history that has led "countless scholars and religious figures over the centuries to believe the country is cursed: "Dr. Robertson never stated that the earthquake was God's wrath," the statement reads. "If you watch the entire video segment, Dr. Robertson's compassion for the people of Haiti is clear."

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| 31418|2010-01-17 09:59:57|Tafari khumbaka|Re: Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post|  
He has his point of view , he states:

"My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male"s challenge to the original monogyny."

He see's polygyny and polygamy as sinful, such are his religious views, many christians feel the same as him.

But Ausar had two wives in some of the stories Adam has two wives in some of those stories, Shango has two wives in some stories.

Because a people have monogamy at a early state in their becoming a tribe and grow later to become a nation andsee a need to change for whatever reasonisnt sin..... Its their prerogative to ensure their continuity as they see fit.

The mythes usually start with not a monogamy but sometimes a androgyny or a One.

Also there is a bitter and Great difference between female and male circumcision practiced in pre-islamic Africa and infibulation only evidence from the time ofislamic invasion of Africa and into present times.

African female circumcision in ethiopia(maybe oldest practiced in Africa) is the removal of the hood and some culturesremove tip of clitoris.

No excision of clitorisewing up of the labia so only a straw can pass thru a opening for urination.

A man can have foreskin removed and with some culturesa length long slit is cutin the underside of the penis.

seems to me the author is prejudicial toward a idea and not open to other ways of thinking and understanding people, what God is sinning people he slanders?.

There is nothing wrong with a thing being cultural and men or womenchanging to face necessary political/ecological/philosophical assaults on their way of life.

Women change as time and politic demands also.

Its onlythe authors opinion that proverbs dont have the weight of mythe, his opinion is noted, and its not mine not necessarily in every comparison. Proverbs can be much more weightier than some Old first mythes as they are living mythes and not necessarily speculative philosophy and or earth science's.

I dont say polygyny and/or polygamy only, i love monogamy also as well as celibacy.

We(rebuilders of ancient khamit/ Africa) need a complete toolbox to rebuild our home.



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--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

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Polygyny in Africa:

A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality

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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"(1) thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or

spiritual injury to the baby."(2)

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a

language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; 'mobali' means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds.. Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girlsfour white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...]during the night Moon[...]had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar" s body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...].. Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]."  
(Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshiping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called himSekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[.... ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original humans' *modus vivendi*.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that

for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

## II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)



Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an ad verecundiam argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male"s Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism.. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women's sexuality or infidelity.

### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality" , wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problemthe male infidelityby creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man"s sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

## IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community"s law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination

of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations" General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

## B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

## C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state

2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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## Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.
2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God.. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the

supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.

4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."

5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M.. 58, has been reprinted in Basic Documents Supplement to International Law 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.

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Thank you that very iluminating and level-headed input. Much ppreciated.

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I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European bourgeois culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional African cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional African cultures. They made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in wars or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it plays a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. If it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional African polygamy (and I'm generalizing here) the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnight creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. He could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially as it is discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.

2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.

3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community..

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order. Again, my two cents.

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--- On **Sat, 1/16/10**, [forksyaroads@aol.com](mailto:forksyaroads@aol.com) wrote:

From: [forksyaroads@aol.com](mailto:forksyaroads@aol.com)

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The two lists attached are a sampling of needed supplies for Haiti.

***Remember the***

- CULTURE
- climate
- temperature
- lack of access to clean water
- lack of food
- lack of electricity
- lack of housing/shelter
- lack of medical supplies

when you make your decisions.

**Some suggested recommendations for \$\$\$ and donations:**

- **Hope for Haitian Children, Inc.** (Foundation of Marie Jose Poux, Nurse)
- **CASH \$\$\$ DONATIONS - CHASE BANK:**  
Checks/Money Orders Payable to: **Hope for Haitian Children, Inc.**

- Drop Off Points: Call 504-948-0159 to Arrange drop off and pick-up

#### **Community Book Center**

- c/o Mama Vera  
2523 Bayou Rd  
New Orleans, LA 70119

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c/o Gia Hamilton or Vignette Ching  
2245 Brainard St.  
New Orleans, LA 70115 (Zip?)

#### **The Storage Warehouse**

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3101 Erato St.  
New Orleans, LA

### **Other suggestions:**

- Wyclef Jean's organization YELE - [www.yele.org](http://www.yele.org)
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- American Red Cross
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- World Food Organization

***Organize in your local communities and make sure the Haitian people get what they need.***

| 31422|2010-01-17 10:00:15|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Peter/Polyandry, jungle style....|

"...Younger men seek to attract ....'married women'..."

Peter hold on while I ROTFL!!!

The jungle version of "domestic abuse"....sheesh, and they have really big knives to cut the jungle brush with. Now where should I go....Nepal of the Amazon? (Just kidding...ROTFL!!)

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 6:29 PM

Sekhmet,

There is the interesting case in the Brazilian rainforest (Amazon) of the Yanomahi (??), in which population the shortage of males (through natural genetics only) has brought about a high incidence of wifebeating and male-vs-male violence due to suspected infidelity. Younger men seek to attract (and often succeed in getting) "married women", causing suspicious "married men" into conflict with the younger unmarried men. This is the same society that National Geographic has portrayed as an idyllic jungle tribe.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 11:00:40 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy

"...due to the shortage of women..."

Interesting Hebrew, China I know has a shortage of women because of their one child law and the killing of infant girls because they favor boy births...I ain't figured that one out yet. The other countries you mentioned has a shortage of women because..... ?

If you know of a link or article please let me know what it is. Besides natural disasters of some sort, I can't think of any reason(s) why they would have a woman shortage, but polygamy is not the answer IMO, because it would appear to deprive other men of getting a wife since there are more men than women.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Marc Washington"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:23 AM

polygamy is common practice in Nepal, parts of China, Tibet, Bhutan, & other countries around there due to the shortage of women.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 10:07:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

Peter

PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to hear her in her own words.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = I To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, know....no problem.

As for Nigerians or some West Africans engaging in polygamy as a cultural norm, and not trying to become "Westernized" and condemning it.....that is due to their indigenous religion being slowly eroded by conversion to Christianity. Or, their lack of finances to afford a polygamous lifestyle.

I believe that East Africans are predominantly Islamic in modern times, so they too will consider polygamy a cultural norm and treat women as "air head", second class citizens to boot.

Thanks for the book titles, I will try to read a literary critique on-line unless you want to do

for me....no way I can afford to purchase more books at this time.  
Now, Peter....do you want to discuss the benefits of multiple husbands and why men avoid the topic.....ROTFL! !!!  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:34 AM

Yes polygamy is still considered "normal" in many parts of West Africa (e.g., Nigeria), in the sense that it is a common practice. Check out these books from the Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Half of a Yellow Sun* [set in the time of the Biafran War, 1967/70]; and *Purple Hibiscus*.

Nowadays, it is considered politically correct to condemn the practice, largely because of patronizing Western liberal thinking. I do believe that Africans themselves will come to reject and abandon it as they attempt to modernize, i.e. Westernize, and I suspect the driving force for that change will be the limited ability of the MALE to afford it.

Forgive my ignorance, but what is ROTFL?  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 10:23:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"....Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal..."  
Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social practice depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except for those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless some catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community. If it is about female genital mutilation.. ..well, that was an individual tribal "norm" and not an African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing, but some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for

decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it ain't normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis head of men to keep things balanced. "...don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground...." Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. Women can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements, protection, child rearing and monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:18 PM

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant to as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com)  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is



sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of a woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though that annoys a hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to do unto you is a universal principle that anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confusion. But we are still human no matter what any religious, spiritual, cultural system may approve or disapprove of. Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/s shouldn't engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have always had multiple wives since time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system is based on the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoo groups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/egyptianvoodoo/est/2010/01/07/polygamy-shouldnt-we-click-above>



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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| 31423|2010-01-17 10:00:18|Ginger Daniels|Re: Polygamy|

Very well said.

Thankyou for bringing an un-emotional, rational way of looking at this topic.

The first step to having a true dialogue is being open minded and not judgemental.  
Peace.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
From: sami\_ra\_maati@sbcglobal.net  
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 12:06:19 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Africa and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional African cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional African cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional African polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnight creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers

sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.

2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.

3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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Wow !

| 31425|2010-01-17 10:00:35|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Polygamy|

Well said, Wiselady. All women want a balanced and lovingrelationship, whatever or whoever it includes.

Sekhmet

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--- On Sat, 1/16/10, Li (wiseladyowl) wrote:

From: Li (wiseladyowl)

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 7:48 PM

Thank you for this post however the point remains that here in the states, multiple marriages will not be accepted so why even consider it? We are Americans or at least citizens and we are products of our environment and this practice will not be accepted no matter how it is presented and westernization aside, women still have issues with this lifestyle even those familiar with it. It does bother me that some here act as if it is only the fact that we live in america that makes us opposed to polygamy but there are women from cultures where it is accepted who do not like it and some who have gotten into these relationships have problems that arise after the second wife is accepted. Lets not push aside the feelings of women based on where a woman was raised. Why is it that men EVERYWHERE feel the same about women having an affair (no matter where the man is born) but some men do not understand that what we women feel is universal as well?? Just some food for thought

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, SaNu Tepra** wrote:

From: SaNu Tepra

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 3:06 PM

I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to add that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about marriage and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in america, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional european culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional Afrikan cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional Afrikan cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in wars or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it

role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

| 31426|2010-01-17 10:01:51|Ginger Daniels|Re: Ginger, blind allegiance?|

Ok

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Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 21:18:48 -0800

From: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Ginger, blind allegiance?

To: gingerd2007@hotmail.com

CC: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

"...from an emotional standpoint..."

Hello Ginger,

I firmly disagree about any emotional responses regarding polygamy on this forum....at least none that I can remember reading. Most of the females disagree with polygamy, most of the males are for it....that is common enough, regardless of the community where it is practiced, legal or not.

The only "emotional" response I can recall is the example given by Wiselady of someone she knows, although she does not agree with polygamy herself. Most of the debate was with regard to finances and offspring of such a relationship, but I could be wrong.

Blind allegiance to any "cause" causes a lot of deaths...male and female. The only people that need unqualified acceptance are children, and I will only go along with that ideology but so far. Even if you are suggesting that black men are so emotionally "fragile" that black women have to go along with whatever they suggest for a viable community, I respectfully decline....they are individually known to be nutbars too.

We have our Kings and Garveys and Malcolms, but we also got some "john allen muhammads" that have no problem messing with the minds of the next generation cause "we all black". **Black women and children were lynched, burned and mutilated right alongside black men**,...kudos to the fighters and protectors, but it is not all of them and I will not besmirch the memory of the fighters by putting them on the same level as black predators just cause they black and male.

Yep, my father was and is my "hero" but he was a lousy husband as was my own husband; but that was my mother's "man". As long as dad didn't mess with my mom, he was alright with me....and "yes", I let him know that when I became an adult....long story, but I will share if you need clarification. Black women are always my #1 priority.

"Even in your attempt.....you reiterated a negative....taking things out of context...many of your posts..."

Haven't a clue which negatives you are referring to, so I would need more information about it before addressing your point. I try to be as clear as possible in my posts, but I don't have a problem with asking questions to make sure we = me and the poster, are on the same page of understanding on any topic of discussion. Like I said, I address my posts to individuals and if I mention another forum member's name, I sometimes send a personal email also because of the "forum delay" thing with posting replies. I don't want to break any forum rules of etiquette, so if it is problematic just say so...no problem.

Anyhoo, if you will send me an example of where I was being negative and/or taking things out of context, I will be happy to clear up any confusion for you...I don't care if I upset male egos with my posts. Heck, they run the world and expect me to go along with their lunacy.

"...what I would consider direct 'pot shots' aimed at black men..."

Ginger, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

Seriously, I haven't a clue what you are getting at with "pot shots" , but if some men are "losers" or "predators" that is on them and I don't waste my time with supporting their bad behavior(s), but it does not characterize all black men as you well know. So I am a little bit confused by your comments at this point; surely you are not suggesting all black women support any and all black men regardless of their insane behaviors and statements....please clarify. That seems to be the exact opposite of what Shri Sa had suggested earlier, regardless of polygamy or any other negative behaviors they exhibit. I love black people, but sheesh...even they can pull some bonehead stunts that I disagree with and will not get in the "amen corner" behind.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Cc: "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com" , shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 12:07 AM

I'm done with this conversation. This is like screaming in the wind. It's pointless. If I had disrespected either of you I would understand you talking about "ease down". Everything I said was based on trying to approach this topic with a level-headed perspective. I do not even believe in polygamy but I tried to bring a balanced approach to the topic from a woman's perspective. Everything that has been said from the women's perspective has been from an emotional standpoint. Even in your attempt below to "talk about the good black men" you reiterated a negative sentiment. And if I may say so... you speak about me taking things out of context... perhaps you should read some of your responses (as there have been many) in this thread. I only comment on topics on this group that I am passionate about or have interest in.

It's great that you agree with her, I agree with both of you about not being into polygamy. Neither of you acknowledged that but it's OK because it's not necessary. I could copy and paste all of the things that have been written on this topic that really were not relative to the initial conversation, and were what I would consider direct "pot shots" aimed at black men. But as I said before, I'm done with this conversation, as oil and water just don't mix. Peace.

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 20:23:34 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: gingerd2007@hotmail.com  
CC: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com; shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net

Hello Ginger,

I really think you need to "ease down" in telling other black women what they are dealing with day to day.

This is a forum of black folks offering opinions on the reality of the real world and their opinions of that reality. Nothing is going to change because of this sharing of perceptions within the black community IMO. We are just sharing what is really going on, and how the wider world perceives us in the black community....especially in the USA.

I was married to a black American male, and I couldn't give his sorry behind away because of the "boys club" and their supporting each other's efforts to keep black women oppressed and looking for relationships of pert near any kind for simple human bonding. Black women have enough to deal with without supporting negative male behaviors from all over the globe and their



expectations of what we will "go along with". I get enough of that crap on TV and some radio stations...thanks, I don't need it here too.

You are entitled to your opinions, but so am I and Shri Sa entitled to ours. When I mention your name I send you a personal email so you don't think I am "backdoor gossip" you because there is a delay in forum posts. I considered it a COURTESY to you, but if it is problematic....say the word, and I will no longer do so....no problem. I read Shri Sa's post before I read yours....seriously, I concur with her, you tend to take things out of context and imply it is an on your credibility or opinion, when really it is just a difference of opinion.

As for "our overly negative portrayal of black men..."...sistah PLEEZ, you are not the only one that has experience with negative men...black or not. It is called being female and experiencing "life lessons" so the crap doesn't become a habit. Being black, doesn't mean being "right" in the real world...male or female, young or old, black/white or Jap-Talian.

There are some GOOD black men in the world today..always have been, but they are "taken" by some GOOD black women. **Envious...YES; jealous...NO**....and I wish them all the best this life has to offer them and their offspring. But there are black NUTBARS too, or did you miss the articles about the young Nigerian trying to blow up a plane on Dec 30?? Am I supposed to "support" his behind too just because he is a black/African male? IF you reply....please be clear and succinct, nothing wishy-washy about what actions are supportable by the black community please. I have a PROBLEM with black people trying to kill me or my people just because "we all black" and sacrifice is supposedly written on my DNA because of my pigment.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy

To: pookynem2@yahoo.com, shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net, "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 7:46 PM

I never once attacked you personally with anything I said. I discussed my disdain for our overly negative portrayal of black men, as if this is the only representation of what black men are. And while we hold black men accountable, let's hold black women accountable as well. Pointing the finger is great, so is looking in the mirror.

This topic started off because a member posted about polygamy and wanted input on the topic. He does not (nor his beliefs) represent all black men. Most of the black men I know are not even interested in a polygamous relationship. Black women can certainly be a handful... and most of the MEN I know cannot handle more than one at a time. I think you went overboard with your "holding them accountable" and I honestly found it a little disrespectful. There is a way to have a conversation without breaking a man down or belittling him/them. In my opinion you did both.

In all of my responses, I reiterated that I would never be in a polygamous relationship. I

have a wonderful black man in my life who loves me and treats me like a queen. (he is not the father of my child and that is why I consider myself a single mother) I dont have to "defend" black women, tho I always do. My life is a testament to hard working black women.

Sekhmet said - *The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.* Then in the very next sentence she says her father was her hero. This is my point. Both of you are painting black men with a VERY LARGE BRUSH. And I think it is very unfortunate because although I did not have a father in the house, I know many good black men who are very involved in their childrens lives and are upstanding men in their communities. So I think WAAAAY too much of this thread has been committed to what black men aren't, and what they dont do. (interestingly by black women) I'm not in the business of tearing anyone down, my intent is always to edify. Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you as well... hopefully we can all work on giving the same respect that we expect in return. Peace

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 17:14:22 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

"This is not about attacking black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions..."

Hello Shri,

that is the way I was reading the thread thus far, without taking anything out of context or "reading into" something that wasn't there. The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.

Personally, I have no "frame of reference" for what Ginger is claiming about the black community because my father was my "hero" even as a small child, and my mom...had to be an angel in disguise. While it was rare in the inner-city to have both birth parents in the home, that was my norm and I was envied by others although we were just as poor as they were living paycheck-to-paycheck.

So maybe this polygamy thread is what upsets women, as they get the short-end of the deal as usual.

Take care,  
sekhmet

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--- On Fri, 1/15/10, Shri Sa Hetep wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 5:12 AM

Ms. Ginger Daniels,

This is not about attacking Black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions. Now you seem to feel that you are justified with a personal attack on me. Sister you don't even know me, and you are way out of line. Maybe you would like to be a co-wife, be my guest. I will no longer speak in defense of hard working responsible Black women.

Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you, as you become a co-wife in Polygamous situation.

Peace,

Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Ginger Daniels  
**To:** "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com"  
**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 2:36:50 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Peace to you my sister.

I have a question for you.

When did this conversation become about attacking the black man? This is a prime example of the deeply rooted problems that exist within us as a people. Black women seem to focus on what black men do / do not do.... and we never take credit for our share of the blame. This is the "voice" that black men constantly complain about. Sistas belittling them, being disrespectful, and speaking in a manner that can breakdown his manhood. I mean this with all due respect to you sista, but I'm not down with degrading OR devaluing the black man. He is dealing with that on a daily basis in a world of white supremacy. That is not to make ANY EXCUSES for the problems that exist in our communities as a result of the black man's behavior... but as black women we need to be more aware of what is going on in this society and what is breaking our men down.

First of all, NOBODY can tell me ANYTHING about what black women can or cannot do, and how we are being affected (and our children) by the behavior of some of our black men. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER. I GREW UP WITHOUT MY FATHER IN THE HOUSEHOLD. But you know what? My mother wasn't there either. So I have seen the affects FIRST HAND and I have studied our people for most of my adult life. So I'm not sitting back making excuses for black men. I know what the institutions of this country are doing to them. I know what an inferior education can do to a black man. I know what having an abusive father in the household can do to a black man. I know what having NO father can do to a black man. Most of us (blk wmn) are growing

up with our mothers in the household. So yes, not having a father is critical to our upbringing, but the same-sex parent is the most important figure to a child. So our men are coming up emasculated - identifying with their mothers - or they are turning to the streets to look for men to model themselves after. We had a long discussion here on this forum about black women being able to pose nude on magazine covers... their right to express themselves freely. Everyone was all gung-ho to let the sista go on the cover and make a fool of herself. Not realizing that this wicked media / society is attacking our men below their belts and keeping them focused on sex sex sex. They are living in a world that is constantly telling them "you are not loved" so they look for love in sex. I don't want to go too far into this, but BLACK WOMEN need to start being more knowledgeable about what is going on in the world. It's great to study Kemet, and our ancestors, but it is a waste of time if you are not aware of what is going on right now, today.

If you choose to date outside your race, fine. You go right ahead. I hear a lot of black women singing that song right now. Because it's being pumped all through the media... only 42% of black women have ever been married. Where will these women find men? Where will all the "educated, independent" black women find men? Well you know what, YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT. White people are feeding you your thoughts and you are believing what you are being told. I'm not saying that there is not an issue with black women being single, there is. But to be honest, the ones that I see, talking about what a black man can or cannot do... probably are turning the good black men away. AND THERE ARE MANY OF THEM OUT THERE. You know what an educated, independent black woman should do? Find her a good black man with potential and help him to become an educated, successful black man. All these negative thoughts that we have in our minds manifest themselves into reality. "All black men are dogs. They all leave their women and children." THAT IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF MAN YOU WILL RUN INTO WITH THOSE THOUGHTS. And if he dogged you and left you alone, you should share in that shame and irresponsibility because you should be more careful about who you lay down with. Sex is NOT a game. The act in itself takes two people. That takes NOTHING away from what his responsibilities are. But I'm SICK AND TIRED of black women blaming all our problems on our men. And here we are waving this carrot stick... if you don't act right I'm gonna go get with an Asian, white man etc. GOOD. Let's hope when you get that white man you can make steps toward killing white supremacy. Let's hope you can get some of your people jobs, health care, economic stability - since your man has a so-called prominent position in this society. I don't see that happening. I wonder why...

How many black women are deadbeat mothers? How many of them have multiple men running in and out of their homes for their young boys to see... so that he can grow up and imitate that behavior? How many black women cheer their daughters when Beyonce comes on and she shakes her little behind? How many black women are letting the tv raise their children? How many black women belittle their sons and daughters when out in public? (ONE OF THE WORST THINGS YOU CAN DO TO A CHILD) How many black women smoke and drink in front of their children? How many of them dress "sexy" around their sons? How many of them teach their daughters

to be strong and independent women, and subconsciously teach their sons to be timid and weak? How many black women go in and sit in on their sons classes and see what a public school classroom looks like from his perspective? We keep talking about what black men aren't doing. WHO RAISED THEM? If we've been doing it all on our own, then why are our sons turning out to be these types of men? PLEASE stop this way of thinking. IT IS GETTING US NO WHERE BUT RIGHT WHERE WE ARE.

I am really astounded that you would use a movie to shed light on your point. The media is highly active in the destruction of the black family. A man tried to rape her niece in a movie, and a hispanic man came and saved the day. Why do we always point to athletes, as if they represent all 40 million of us as a whole? Because thats whats on TV. CNN shows black women without black men, then closes the series Black In America with a white man coming through and saving the day. BET is showing you black men who dont like black women. THATS BECAUSE THEY DONT LIKE THEMSELVES. This is what self hatred looks like. Your response, these movies, the violence, the homosexuality, the over-indulgence in EVERYTHING, the materialism, the abuse, the molestation. ... white people dont have to touch us anymore. We have become our own worst enemies.

I am not PRO BLACK WOMAN. I am not PRO BLACK MAN. I am PRO BLACK FAMILY. There is no circle without the man, woman, and child. You can complete your circle with another race, thats fine. To each his own. But I am always curious if these other races are cognizant of what it will take to raise a black child. Will he study your history? Will he implement social programs for that child that will teach them to be proud of who they are? Or will they only confront race when out in the world... like so many mixed children today do... parents aren't teaching them the reality of the world because their in love. So they grow up hating their black selves and trying to conform to white peoples (or whatever race) world. NOW YOU AS THE MOTHER can take the responsibility for that.

I'm not anti-polygamy, anti-polyandry, anti-single, anti-gay, I'm not anti anything. I am 100% PRO BLACK FAMILY. So these things do not fit into what I think is proper for me or my children. But black women have bigger fish to fry, than to sit around worrying about what a man and a woman decide to do inside the confines of their own home. Women face abuse everyday in so called monogamous relationships. So do men. Women in monogamous relationships often share their men with other women, knowingly or not. So do men. This situation is one of the reasons that AIDS is so rampant in our communities. And its not all on the men. You lay down with dogs you get fleas.

People, lets elevate our way of thinking!

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net

Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 18:38:08 -0800

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Raising a family without a man is what so many Black women have had to do during those times when Black men have literally walked away from their responsibilities. Instead of berating and insulting Black women for having the strength to survive while Black men in America have not stepped up to their responsibilities, maybe this disdain should be turned towards the many deadbeat fathers out there. And there are a great many Black men who do not want to have any part of rearing/raising their children - are they aware how much they are needed? Why have so many Black men chosen to date and impregnate Black women - and then chose to just walk away from their own children? Many black women want the support of their children's father while at the same time not having to be subject to abuse. And many Black men either want everything from their children's mother (sex, marriage, or sex without marriage), or else they will not have anything at all to do with their own children. Why do Black men behave like that? I would like to hear a black man on this forum address the issue of why so many Black men literally do not want anything to do with their own children? And also address why so many black men choose to date and marry outside our Black community. Society as a whole teaches everyone that Black women are not worthy, that we are ugly, and fit to be mammies, maids, and mommas. While White women are the standard of beauty, are better mothers, and better wives than Black women.. How has the behavior of Black men in America helped or hurt that stereotype? In the mean time, Black women have had to endure and survive without their own Black men. Black men have, on the other hand, survived with whatever women they can get their hands on, e.g. Black women, White women, Asian women, Hispanic women...Black men survive regardless. I have even seen a talk show by Black men on BET where many Black men outright state they don't even need Black women. And many Black men literally have lives exactly like that. Many Black celebrities and athletes choose to marry white women...just look at the line up. Why are those Black men never challenged or humiliated by other Black men? It is always Black women putting down other Black women...and we are not even choosing to marry outside of our race....not yet anyway. Black men date and have children with Black women everyday.... walk away from their responsibilities. ....marry white, asian, hispanic women....Black women raise our children alone - not by choice many times.....Then black men propose that - after countless generations of them not helping to rear their own children or marry us (they marry other races of women) - the best solution for correcting their mistakes is for us to share them with other Black women.

Well, if they value themselves that much, why have Black men not proposed to marry more than one white woman? Why not marry more than one Asian woman? Why not marry more than one Hispanic woman? Please take your pimpin' tendencies some where else. Black women have put up with enough



bad behavior from Black men. If Black men are not willing to behave in a decent and respectable manner, then I would date/marry outside my Black community. As the movie, "I Can Do Bad All By Myself" taught me, there can be love and support found outside our race. (The main female character in the movie dated a married man **that tried to rape her niece** -which is the exact behavior married men display, they can never get enough. Thankfully the Hispanic man stepped up to such poor behavior from the Black men) That to me is a better option than continuing to deal with poor behavior from Black men. "Families need a man for balance", OK. But if Black men do not want to be there, no one can force him. And Black women should not be held responsible for the actions of grown men.

Peace

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**From:** Li (wiseladyowl) [yahoocom](mailto:Li@yahoocom)>  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Sent:** Wed, January 13, 2010 7:52:43 PM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

nor can I but in my opinion neither should men and just because you "can" does not mean you "should". Women can have a lot of babies or just a few and yes even none and the problems we face as a community do NOT need to be addressed with men having more than one woman. Why not suggest that we help one another and hire our own ppl the way that other cultures do? Suggest that families help their extended families and create financial havens that support our ppl instead of polygamy?? I mean really solutions are just opportunities to do things in different ways so why suggest the same old thing and especially when you can see that others are not accepting of it?

--- On Tue, 1/12/10, Ginger Daniels [hotmail.com](mailto:GingerDaniels@hotmail.com)> wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroup [s.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroup.s.com)"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 10:36 PM

I cannot, as a woman, imagine having multiple husbands / sexual partners at one time. And if you take on multiple husbands, do you take on the ideology of polygamy - meaning you support all of these men at the same time? Or do they all pool their resources to take care of you and your multiple children. Will you ever NOT be pregnant, if you are birthing children for multiple men?

"Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man?"

There is no real FAMILY without a man. I can't stand this thinking. If it took him to bring the child to life, then it will take him or some other man to raise that child. Parenting is a two person job. Of course we can maintain, we've been doing it. But look at the situation that our people are in. Look at OUR children... it takes a village right? We collectively have failed our children as

70% of our households are headed by women. This is not the way, I'm sorry. Peace.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 19:01:17 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Why is Polyandry so carefully ignored by the men in this group. Polygamy includes both a man with multiple wives and a woman with multiple husbands. There are many young teenage boys selling their bodies to older men for money, many young men confused by not having proper male role models. Therefore since Polygamy is espoused, the option of a woman with multiple husbands must also be considered. Many of the women I personally know, make more money than men, are raising their children on their own and doing just fine. To assume that a woman will be destitute (and resort to prostitution) if she does not marry a man, or becomes a co-wife is really showing a lot of ignorance. Many African Americans can testify to their own Black Matriarch in the family. African American women have been the main provider and nurturer within the community for decades - all while African American men have ignored their own family. Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man? We should not - this topic stems from African American feeling helpless and insecure. And their way of feeling in control is by controlling women and children. When maybe what needs to be controlled is their insatiable sexual appetites, and out of control ego's. Men are quick to feel threatened if a woman is stepping out of her female "role" in society. Yet women are slow to feel threatened when we encounter male beauticians, male dancers teachers, etc. Women accept men in traditionally female roles, but men will not tolerate a woman in a traditionally male role for one second. So, from my perspective, this subject of polygamy is not about an African American woman needing financial help, it is about African American men needing to feel empowered by controlling as many Black women as possible. The word PIMP comes to mind in that regard.

Don't get me wrong, all things considered African American men need to take their **responsible** place within the community and family. But it needs to be a position of respect, humility, grace, and a responsible attitude. Not one of control, keeping a woman in her place, taking as many women (and boys) in their bed as possible, etc. This is not very responsible. Many Blacks in America need to also realize and acknowledge their Native American Indian heritage as well. Not everything needs to be taken from the continent of Africa (no disrespect).

Personally I am not a proponent of any Polygamous situation. If there are needs within the community, then we can work together to help each other out. But not to the point of requiring to have sex with someone to provide that help - that is prostitution. If a man feels he has to have sex with a woman in order to help her, then he is highly ignorant and sex-crazed. Helping fatherless and/or motherless children in the community can be done in a great number of ways without further victimizing single mothers and single fathers. Remember AGAPE love, not selfish and self-serving actions. Helping a family



does not translate in a man taking control of that family, marrying that woman as a co-wife, and having sex with her - that is only helping the man to satisfy his insatiable appetite for more sex. Grow up, helping others starts with their needs - not yours. And if you cannot help without taking away someone's virtue, dignity, and freedom then kindly tend to the responsibilities you are already committed to.

By the way, many men did not grow-up in a culture that accepts this practice as normal either - Judeo-Christian values aside.

Peace,

Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Peter Gray

**To:** Marc Washington

**Sent:** Tue, January 12, 2010 8:18:20 PM

**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com)

Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is for the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of the woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though that annoys the hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to do unto you is a universal principle that anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confusion as we are still human no matter what any religious, spiritual, cultural system may approve of.  
Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/should not engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have done it since time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, only for the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

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| 31427|2010-01-17 10:22:02|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: Shri Sa/polygamy|

No not emotional at all just being frank and honest if you dont agree with my point of view no problem but that does not make me emotional. I do not agree with marriage being a group of ppl it does not make sense to get married to more than one person in my opinion because it causes too many problems. Please do not mistake opinions for hostility, anger or being judgemental it is

simply a difference of opinion plain and simple and I am beginning to think that unless we agree some on this board will accuse you of being judgemental hope I am wrong. I love my ppl, that is why I am here and most are here for those very same reasons, a love of their ppl and desire to gain more knowledge of our history and culture. We can not do this with anger or hostility towards one another and I will not agree to every thing I hear because some one said so and happens to be black like me no matter how much they protest and point to some particular culture that did what they would like to do now. I never judged, insulted or put any one down it is bothersome to see you and others place this on me or anyone else who does not feel the same as you do on certain issues. I did bring to the group the idea of co housing but no response from any one on it other than marriage which is not what co housing is, it is a group of ppl living in the same area close to each other who gather together to share common meals, garden, barter etc. as a group to form a cohesive community. I am hoping we can all speak on that and any other suggestions of how we can begin to take our "black" culture back and provide positive role models for our babies.

Peace and love,  
Ladeeowl

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Cc: "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com" , shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 1:07 AM

I'm done with this conversation. This is like screaming in the wind. Its pointless. If I had disrespected either of you I would understand you talking about "ease down". Everything I said was based on trying to approach this topic with a level headed perspective. I do not even believe in polygamy but I tried to bring a balanced approach to the topic from a woman's perspective. Everything that has been said from the women's perspective has been from an emotional standpoint. Even in your attempt below to "talk about the good black men" you reiterated a negative sentiment. And if I may say so... you speak about me taking things out of context... perhaps you should read some of your responses (as there have been many) in this thread. I only comment on topics on this group that I am passionate about or have interest in.

Its great that you agree with her, I agree with both of you about not being into polygamy. Neither of you acknowledged that but its ok because its not necessary. I could copy and paste all of the things that have been written on this topic that really were not relative to the initial conversation, and were what I would consider direct "pot shots" aimed at black men. But as I said before, I'm done with this conversation, as oil and water just don't mix. Peace.

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 20:23:34 -0800

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: gingerd2007@ hotmail.com  
CC: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com; shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net

Hello Ginger,

I really think you need to "ease down" in telling other black women what they are dealing with day to day.

This is a forum of black folks offering opinions on the reality of the real world and their opinions of that reality. Nothing is going to change because of this sharing of perceptions within the black community IMO. We are just sharing what is really going on, and how the wider world perceives us in the black community... .especially in the USA.

I was married to a black American male, and I couldn't give his sorry behind away because of the "boys club" and their supporting each other's efforts to keep black women oppressed and looking for relationships of pert near anykind for simple human bonding. Black women have enough to deal with without supporting negative male behaviors from all over the globe and their expectations of what we will "go along with". I get enough of that crap on TV and some radio stations...thanks, I don't need it here too.

You are entitled to your opinions, but so am I and Shri Sa entitled to ours. When I mention your name I send you a personal email so you don't think I am "backdoor gossip" you because there is a delay in forum posts. I considered it a COURTESY to you, but if it is problematic. ...say the word, and I will no longer do so....no problem. I read Shri Sa's post before I read yours....seriously, I concur with her, you tend to take things out of context and imply it is an on your credibility or opinion, when really it is just a difference of opinion.

As for "our overly negative portrayal of black men..."...sistah PLEEZ, you are not the only one that has experience with negative men...black or not. It is called being female and experiencing "life lessons" so the crap doesn't become a habit. Being black, doesn't mean being "right" in the real world...male or female, young or old, black/white or Jap-Talian.

There are some GOOD black men in the world today..always have been, but they are "taken" by some GOOD black women. **Envious...YES; jealous...NO**....and I wish them all the best this life has to offer them and their offspring. But there are black NUTBARS too, or did you miss the articles about the young Nigerian trying to blow up a plane on Dec 30?? Am I supposed to "support" his behind too just because he is a black/African male? IF you reply....please be clear and succinct, nothing wishy-washy about what actions are supportable by the black community please. I have a PROBLEM with black people trying to kill me or my people just because "we al black" and sacrifice is supposedly written on my DNA because of my pigment.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: pookynem2@yahoo. com, shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net,  
"Ta\_Seti@yahoogroup s.com"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 7:46 PM

I never once attacked you personally with anything I said. I discussed my disdain for our overly negative portrayal of black men, as if this is the only representation of what black men are. And while we hold black men accountable, let's hold black women accountable as well. Pointing the finger is great, so is looking in the mirror.

This topic started off because a member posted about polygamy and wanted input on the topic. He does not (nor his beliefs) represent all black men. Most of the black men I know are not even interested in a polygamous relationship. Black women can certainly be a handful... and most of the MEN I know cannot handle more than one at a time. I think you went overboard with your "holding them accountable" and I honestly found it a little disrespectful. There is a way to have a conversation without breaking a man down or belittling him/them. In my opinion you did both.

In all of my responses, I reiterated that I would never be in a polygamous relationship. I have a wonderful black man in my life who loves me and treats me like a queen. (he is not the father of my child and that is why I consider myself a single mother) I don't have to "defend" black women, though I always do. My life is a testament to hard working black women.

Sekhmet said - *The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.* Then in the very next sentence she says her father was her hero. This is my point. Both of you are painting black men with a VERY LARGE BRUSH. And I think it is very unfortunate because although I did not have a father in the house, I know many good black men who are very involved in their children's lives and are upstanding men in their communities. So I think WAAAAY too much of this thread has been committed to what black men aren't, and what they don't do. (interestingly by black women) I'm not in the business of tearing anyone down, my intent is always to edify.

Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you as well... hopefully we can all work on giving the same respect that we expect in return. Peace

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 17:14:22 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

"This is not about attacking black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions..."

Hello Shri,

that is the way I was reading the thread thus far, without taking anything out of context or

"reading into" something that wasn't there. The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.

Personally, I have no "frame of reference" for what Ginger is claiming about the black community because my father was my "hero" even as a small child, and my mom...had to be an angel in disguise. While it was rare in the inner-city to have both birth parents in the home, that was my norm and I was envied by others although we were just as poor as they were living paycheck-to- paycheck.

So maybe this polygamy thread is what upsets women, as they get the short-end of the deal as usual.

Take care,  
sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 5:12 AM

Ms. Ginger Daniels,

This is not about attacking Black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions. Now you seem to feel that you are justified with a personal attack on me. Sister you don't even know me, and you are way out of line. Maybe you would like to be a co-wife, be my guest. I will no longer speak in defense of hard working responsible Black women.

Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you, as you become a co-wife in Polygamous situation.

Peace,  
Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Ginger Daniels  
**To:** "Ta\_Seti@yahogroup s.com"  
**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 2:36:50 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Peace to you my sister.

I have a question for you.

When did this conversation become about attacking the black man? This is a

prime example of the deeply rooted problems that exist within us as a people. Black women seem to focus on what black men do / do not do.... and we never take credit for our share of the blame. This is the "voice" that black men constantly complain about. Sistas belittling them, being disrespectful, and speaking in a manner that can break down his manhood. I mean this with all due respect to you sista, but I'm not down with degrading OR devaluing the black man. He is dealing with that on a daily basis in a world of white supremacy. That is not to make ANY EXCUSES for the problems that exist in our communities as a result of the black man's behavior... but as black women we need to be more aware of what is going on in this society and what is breaking our men down.

First of all, NOBODY can tell me ANYTHING about what black women can or cannot do, and how we are being affected (and our children) by the behavior of some of our black men. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER. I GREW UP WITHOUT MY FATHER IN THE HOUSEHOLD. But you know what? My mother wasn't there either. So I have seen the affects FIRST HAND and I have studied our people for most of my adult life. So I'm not sitting back making excuses for black men. I know what the institutions of this country are doing to them. I know what an inferior education can do to a black man. I know what having an abusive father in the household can do to a black man. I know what having NO father can do to a black man. Most of us (blk wmn) are growing up with our mothers in the household. So yes, not having a father is critical to our upbringing, but the same-sex parent is the most important figure to a child. So our men are coming up emasculated - identifying with their mothers - or they are turning to the streets to look for men to model themselves after. We had a long discussion here on this forum about black women being able to pose nude on magazine covers... their right to express themselves freely. Everyone was all gung-ho to let the sista go on the cover and make a fool of herself. Not realizing that this wicked media / society is attacking our men below their belts and keeping them focused on sex sex sex. They are living in a world that is constantly telling them "you are not loved" so they look for love in sex. I don't want to go too far into this, but BLACK WOMEN need to start being more knowledgeable about what is going on in the world. It's great to study Kemet, and our ancestors, but it is a waste of time if you are not aware of what is going on right now, today.

If you choose to date outside your race, fine. You go right ahead. I hear a lot of black women singing that song right now. Because it's being pumped all through the media... only 42% of black women have ever been married. Where will these women find men? Where will all the "educated, independent" black women find men? Well you know what, YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT. White people are feeding you your thoughts and you are believing what you are being told. I'm not saying that there is not an issue with black women being single, there is. But to be honest, the ones that I see, talking about what a black man can or cannot do... probably are turning the good black men away. AND THERE ARE MANY OF THEM OUT THERE. You know what an educated, independent black woman



should do? Find her a good black man with potential and help him to become an educated, successful black man. All these negative thoughts that we have in our minds manifest themselves into reality. "All black men are dogs. They all leave their women and children." THAT IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF MAN YOU WILL RUN INTO WITH THOSE THOUGHTS. And if he dogged you and left you alone, you should share in that shame and irresponsibility because you should be more careful about who you lay down with. Sex is NOT a game. The act in itself takes two people. That takes NOTHING away from what his responsibilities are. But I'm SICK AND TIRED of black women blaming all our problems on our men. And here we are waving this carrot stick... if you don't act right I'm gonna go get with an Asian, white man etc. GOOD. Let's hope when you get that white man you can make steps toward killing white supremacy. Let's hope you can get some of your people jobs, health care, economic stability - since your man has a so called prominent position in this society. I don't see that happening. I wonder why...

How many black women are deadbeat mothers? How many of them have multiple men running in and out of their homes for their young boys to see... so that he can grow up and imitate that behavior? How many black women cheer their daughters when Beyonce comes on and she shakes her little behind? How many black women are letting the tv raise their children? How many black women belittle their sons and daughters when out in public? (ONE OF THE WORST THINGS YOU CAN DO TO A CHILD) How many black women smoke and drink in front of their children? How many of them dress "sexy" around their sons? How many of them teach their daughters to be strong and independent women, and subconsciously teach their sons to be timid and weak? How many black women go in and sit in on their sons' classes and see what a public school classroom looks like from his perspective? We keep talking about what black men aren't doing. WHO RAISED THEM? If we've been doing it all on our own, then why are our sons turning out to be these types of men? PLEASE stop this way of thinking. IT IS GETTING US NO WHERE BUT RIGHT WHERE WE ARE.

I am really astounded that you would use a movie to shed light on your point. The media is highly active in the destruction of the black family. A man tried to rape her niece in a movie, and a hispanic man came and saved the day. Why do we always point to athletes, as if they represent all 40 million of us as a whole? Because that's what's on TV. CNN shows black women without black men, then closes the series Black In America with a white man coming through and saving the day. BET is showing you black men who don't like black women. THAT'S BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE THEMSELVES. This is what self hatred looks like. Your response, these movies, the violence, the homosexuality, the over-indulgence in EVERYTHING, the materialism, the abuse, the molestation. .. white people don't have to touch us anymore. We have become our own worst enemies.

I am not PRO BLACK WOMAN. I am not PRO BLACK MAN. I am PRO BLACK FAMILY. There is no circle without the man, woman, and child. You can complete your circle with another race, that's fine. To each his own. But I am always curious if these other races are cognizant of what it will take to raise a black child. Will he study your history? Will he implement social programs for that child that will teach them to be proud of who they are? Or will they only confront race when out in the world... like so many mixed children today do... parents aren't teaching them the reality of the world because they're in love. So they grow up hating their black selves and trying to conform to white people's (or whatever race) world. NOW YOU AS THE MOTHER can take the responsibility for that.

I'm not anti-polygamy, anti-polyandry, anti-single, anti-gay, I'm not anti anything. I am 100% PRO BLACK FAMILY. So these things do not fit into what I think is proper for me or my children. But black women have bigger fish to fry, than to sit around worrying about what a man and a woman decide to do inside the confines of their own home. Women face abuse everyday in so called monogamous relationships. So do men. Women in monogamous relationships often share their men with other women, knowingly or not. So do men. This situation is one of the reasons that AIDS is so rampant in our communities. And it's not all on the men. You lay down with dogs you get fleas.

People, let's elevate our way of thinking!

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 18:38:08 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Raising a family without a man is what so many Black women have had to do during those times when Black men have literally walked away from their responsibilities. Instead of berating and insulting Black women for having the strength to survive while Black men in America have not stepped up to their responsibilities, maybe this disdain should be turned towards the many deadbeat fathers out there. And there are a great many Black men who do not want to have any part of rearing/raising their children - are they aware how much they are needed? Why have so many Black men chosen to date and impregnate Black women - and then chose to just walk away from their own children? Many black women want the support of their children's father while at the same time not having to be subject to abuse. And many Black men either want everything from their children's mother (sex, marriage, or sex without marriage), or else they will not have anything at all to do with their own

children. Why do Black men behave like that? I would like to hear a black man on this forum address the issue of why so many Black men literally do not want anything to do with their own children? And also address why so many black men choose to date and marry outside our Black community. Society as a whole teaches everyone that Black women are not worthy, that we are ugly, and fit to be mammies, maids, and mommas. While White women are the standard of beauty, are better mothers, and better wives than Black women.. How has the behavior of Black men in America helped or hurt that stereotype?

In the mean time, Black women have had to endure and survive without their own Black men. Black men have, on the other hand, survived with whatever women they can get their hands on, e.g. Black women, White women, Asian women, Hispanic women...Black men survive regardless. I have even seen a talk show by Black men on BET where many Black men outright state they don't even need Black women. And many Black men literally have lives exactly like that. Many Black celebrities and athletes choose to marry white women...just look at the line up. Why are those Black men never challenged or humiliated by other Black men? It is always Black women putting down other Black women...and we are not even choosing to marry outside of our race....not yet anyway. Black men date and have children with Black women everyday.... walk away from their responsibilities. ....marry white, asian, hispanic women....Black women raise our children alone - not by choice many times.....Then black men propose that - after countless generations of them not helping to rear their own children or marry us (they marry other races of women) - the best solution for correcting their mistakes is for us to share them with other Black women.

Well, if they value themselves that much, why have Black men not proposed to marry more than one white woman? Why not marry more than one Asian woman? Why not marry more than one Hispanic woman? Please take your pimpin' tendencies some where else. Black women have put up with enough bad behavior from Black men. If Black men are not willing to behave in a decent and respectable manner, then I would date/marry outside my Black community. As the movie, "I Can Do Bad All By Myself" taught me, there can be love and support found outside our race. (The main female character in the movie dated a married man **that tried to rape her niece** -which is the exact behavior married men display, they can never get enough. Thankfully the Hispanic man stepped up to such poor behavior from the Black men) That to me is a better option than continuing to deal with poor behavior from Black men. "Families need a man for balance", OK. But if Black men do not want to be there, no one can force him. And Black women should not be held responsible for the actions of grown men.

Peace

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**From:** Li (wiseladyowl) [yahoo.com](mailto:li@wiseladyowl.yahoo.com)>  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Sent:** Wed, January 13, 2010 7:52:43 PM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

nor can I but in my opinion neither should men and just because you "can" does not mean "should". Women can have a lot of babies or just a few and yes even none and the problem face as a community do NOT need to be addressed with men having more than one woman. I do not suggest that we help one another and hire our own ppl the way that other cultures do? Suggest that families help their extended families and create financial havens that support instead of polygamy?? I mean really solutions are just opportunities to do things in different ways so why suggest the same old thing and especially when you can see that others are not accepting of it?

--- On Tue, 1/12/10, Ginger Daniels [hotmail.com](mailto:ginger@hotmail.com)> wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroup [s.com](mailto:ta_seti@yahoogroup.s.com)"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 10:36 PM

I cannot, as a woman, imagine having multiple husbands / sexual partners at one time. And to take on multiple husbands, do you take on the ideology of polygamy - meaning you support these men at the same time? Or do they all pool their resources to take care of you and your multiple children. Will you ever NOT be pregnant, if you are birthing children for multiple men?

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There is no real FAMILY without a man. I can't stand this thinking. If it took him to bring a child to life, then it will take him or some other man to raise that child. Parenting is a two-person job. Of course we can maintain, we've been doing it. But look at the situation that our people are in. Look at OUR children... it takes a village right? We collectively have failed our children. 70% of our households are headed by women. This is not the way, I'm sorry. Peace.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 19:01:17 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Why is Polyandry so carefully ignored by the men in this group. Polygamy includes a man with multiple wives and a woman with multiple husbands. There are many teenage boys selling their bodies to older men for money, many young men confused by not having proper male role models. Therefore since Polygamy is espoused, the option of a woman with multiple husbands must also be considered. Many of the

women I personally know, make more money than men, are raising their children on their own and doing just fine. To assume that a woman will be destitute (and resort to prostitution) if she does not marry a man, or becomes a co-wife is really showing a lot of ignorance. Many African Americans can testify to their own Black Matriarch in the family. African American women have been the main provider and nurturer within the community for decades - all while African American men have ignored their own family. Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man? We should not - this topic stems from African American feeling helpless and insecure. And their way of feeling in control is by controlling women and children. When maybe what needs to be controlled is their insatiable sexual appetites, and out of control egos. Men are quick to feel threatened if a woman is stepping out of her female "role" in society. Yet women are slow to feel threatened when we encounter male beauticians, male dancers, teachers, etc. Women accept men in traditionally female roles, but men will not tolerate a woman in a traditionally male role for one second. So, from my perspective, this subject of polygamy is not about African American women needing financial help, it is about African American men needing to feel empowered by controlling as many Black women as possible. The word PIMP comes to mind in that regard.

Don't get me wrong, all things considered African American men need to take their **responsible** place within the community and family. But it needs to be a position of respect, humility, grace, and a responsible attitude. Not one of control, keeping a woman in her place, taking as many women (and boys) in their bed as possible, etc. This is not very responsible. Many Blacks in America need to also realize and acknowledge their Native American Indian heritage as well. Not everything needs to be taken from the continent of Africa (no disrespect).

Personally I am not a proponent of any Polygamous situation. If there are needs within the community, then we can work together to help each other out. But not to the point of requiring to have sex with someone to provide that help - that is prostitution. If a man feels he has to have sex with a woman in order to help her, then he is highly ignorant and sex-crazed. Helping fatherless and/or motherless children in the community can be done in a great number of ways without further victimizing single mothers and single fathers. Remember AGAPE love, not selfish and self-serving actions. Helping a family does not translate in a man taking control of that family, marrying that woman as a co-wife, and having sex with her - that is only helping the man to satisfy his insatiable appetite for more sex. Grow up, helping others starts with their needs - not yours. And if you cannot help without taking away someone's virtue, dignity, and freedom then kindly tend to the responsibilities you are already committed to.

By the way, many men did not grow-up in a culture that accepts this practice as normal either - Judeo-Christian values aside.

Peace,  
Shri Sa Hetep

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**To:** Marc Washington

**Sent:** Tue, January 12, 2010 8:18:20 PM

**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

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Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

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| 31428|2010-01-17 10:26:11|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: Hebrew/polygamy|  
wow, did not know this but that is food for thought and maybe they are trying to recreate this in the black population because here in Oakland, ca we have a LOt of gay men and women and we have never had that many in our culture perhaps we can do more research as I am sure amrika would love to destroy our ppl.

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 7:38 PM

male children to pass on the father's name is in favor  
AND almost the same in the other nations, however, the  
higher altitudes kill off XX sperm below 12,500 ft;  
above 12,500 the Sun's radiation kills of XY, which is  
airline pilots have more girls than boys!  
there society is out of balance just like black  
america; more women than men by far.  
the effect is that you have vast numbers of



"effeminate" men [lady boys] in these asian countries due to the shortage of women. they even have special bathrooms from trans sexed men.  
I could provide references but check it out.

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 11:00:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy

"...due to the shortage of women..."

Interesting Hebrew, China I know has a shortage of women because of their one child law and the killing of infant girls because they favor boy births...I ain't figured that one out yet. The other countries you mentioned has a shortage of women because..... ?

If you know of a link or article please let me know what it is. Besides natural disasters of some sort, I can't think of any reason(s) why the would have a woman shortage, but polygamy is not the answer IMO, because it would appear to deprive other men of getting a wife since there are more men than women.

Sekhmet

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polygamy is common practice in Nepel, parts of China, Tibet, Bhutan, & other countries around there due to the shortage of women.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 10:07:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various

husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

Peter

PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to hear her in her own words.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... .not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = I To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, know....no problem.

As for Nigerians or some West Africans engaging in polygamy as a cultural norm, and not trying to become "Westernized" and condemning it.....that is due to their indigenous religion being slowly eroded by conversion to Christianity. Or, their lack of finances to afford a polygamous lifestyle.

I believe that East Africans are predominantly Islamic in modern times, so they too will consider polygamy a cultural norm and treat women as "air head", second class citizens to boot.

Thanks for the book titles, I will try to read a literary critique on-line unless you want to do for me....no way I can afford to purchase more books at this time.

Now, Peter....do you want to discuss the benefits of multiple husbands and why men avoid the topic.....ROTFL! !!!

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--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:34 AM

Yes polygamy is still considered "normal" in many parts of West Africa (e.g.,

Nigeria), in the sense that it is a common practice. Check out these books from the Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Half of a Yellow Sun* [set in the time of the Biafran War, 1967-70]; and *Purple Hibiscus*.

Nowadays, it is considered politically correct to condemn the practice, largely because of patronizing Western liberal thinking. I do believe that Africans themselves will come to reject and abandon it as they attempt to modernize, i.e. Westernize, and I suspect the driving force for that change will be the limited ability of the MALE to afford it.

Forgive my ignorance, but what is ROTFL?

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 10:23:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"....Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal..."

Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social practice depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except for those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless some catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community. If it is about female genital mutilation... well, that was an individual tribal "norm" and not an African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing if some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it is not normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis heads of men to keep things balanced. "...don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground." Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. We can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements, protection, child rearing and monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.

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| 31429|2010-01-17 10:27:45|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: Fw: [SOA] New Aol video - You Tube  
Censored this video - Avatar:|

LOL yeah I know and as a kid I loved it which is why they target our youth because we will not see the subtle supremacy in their movies.

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SOA] New Aol video - You Tube Censored this video - Avatar: An Extension of White Supremacy

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Cc: "Group Members"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 6:26 PM

Yes!, i saw that also, excellent critique. even though i LOVE sci-fi it usually is white supremeist propaganda.

Tarzan i saw right away, white man hollers and all the elephants etc. come running to his aid..... lol



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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To: "TN." , "AP." , "BIOF"

Cc: "Group Members" , "Ta Seti" , afrikanStudy@ yahooogroups. com, MarcusMosiahGarvey@ yahooogroups. com, happilynaturalday- owner@ yahooogroup s.com, "Where Do We Go From Here"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 4:03 PM

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Frederick Alexander Meade** wrote:

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Subject: [SOA] New Aol video - You Tube Censored this video - Avatar: An Extension of White Supremacy

To: erzilidanto@ yahoo.com, abujanig@ yahooogroup s.com, africanstalk@ yahooogroups. com, afrimedia@ googlegro ups.com, agboton1 @netzero. net, ahnam60@hotmail. com, "Alex Davis" , amenelik@aol. . com, aphelele\_mlaza@ yahoo.com, asimmonds1 @comcast. net, brothermawusi@ yahoo.com, candeegirl2005@ yahoo.com, cartierx@aol. com, crh@afromerica. com, cutiemola@aol. com, docblind@aol. com, edincoro@edincorpor ated.com, empresschi@aol. com, faillas@hotmail. com, gaoyibo@hotmail. com, goddess\_isis\_ loving@yahoo. com, goddessmetaphys@ hotmail.com, holyspiritgod\_ 3@msn.com, hakimida@aol. com, hyerfrequency@ mindspring. com, Iegood@aol.com, info@reinstatelon maddox.com, issinstitute@ yahooogroups. com, jahpaint@aol. com, jerray.tillman@ ngc.com, joycedade@gmail. com, jrswriter@comcast. net, KemetQueen@Gmail. com, keverv@hotmail. com, kkrizs@gmail. com, cdemafa@yahoo. com, lashawn.williams@ nychhc.org, leesullivan98@ yahoo.com, lorinbobbitt@ hotmail.com, Luv4self\_Network@ yahooogroups. com, memcclendon@ cox.net, mhtms@buckeye- access.com, mmg1887@yahoo. com, Moneymagnetzm@ yahoo.com, mwananchi@ yahooogrou ps.com, Mwariamal@aol. com, mail@rebirthafrica. ning.com, nhare@pacbell. net, nigel\_imonieya@ globalunificatio n.com, nigeriawazobia@ yahooogroups. com, nusaiba@spawkenempi re.com, ofappit@hotmail. com, ostelle@yahoo. com, PanAF\_House@ yahooogroups. com, princeakame2002@ yahoo.com, publishers@charter. net, rklonewolf@yahoo. com, raheel.karim@ hotmail.com, afrikanspirit@ yahoo.com, roarin1@gmail. com, roarin1@hotmail. com, roland.sheppard@ yahoo.com, schossen@gmail. com, senghor@hotmail. com, septasam@aol. com, shaimesh@aol. com, sista.flame@ yahoo.com, soa@ yahooogroups. com, stevenccannon@ gmail.com, tafari\_tafari@ yahoo.com, tafari4ii@sbcglobal .net, tapvideo@optionline .net, the\_black\_thought@ yahoo.com, "Tim Adams" , trueblackness@ yahooogroups. com, wautella@aol. com, wetsi001@yahoo. fr, o\_akkebala2002@ yahooogroups. com, yahqueenwisdom@ yahoo.com, essence4109@ yahoo.com, orangecampaign2010@ yahoo.com, iyonda.brown@ gmail.com, info@ethiopiansforc hange.com, melanatedqueen@ yahoo.com, melanatedqueen@ gmail.com, o\_akkebala@msn. com

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 10:14 AM

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| 31430|2010-01-17 10:53:14|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Ginger, blind allegiance?|

"...from an emotional standpoint..."

Hello Ginger,

I firmly disagree about any emotional responses regarding polygamy on this forum....at least none that I can remember reading. Most of the females disagree with polygamy, most of the males are for it....that is common enough, regardless of the community where it is practiced, legal or not.

The only "emotional" response I can recall is the example given by Wiselady of someone she knows, although she does not agree with polygamy herself. Most of the debate was with regard to finances and offspring of such a relationship, but I could be wrong.

Blind allegiance to any "cause" causes a lot of deaths...male and female. The only people that need unqualified acceptance are children, and I will only go along with that ideology but so far. Even if you are suggesting that black men are so emotionally "fragile" that black women have to go along with whatever they suggest for a viable community, I respectfully decline....they are individually known to be nutbars too.

We have our Kings and Garveys and Malcolms, but we also got some "john allen muhammads" that have no problem messing with the minds of the next generation cause "we all black". **Black women and children were lynched, burned and mutilated right alongside black men**,...kudos to the fighters and protectors, but it is not all of them and I will not besmirch the memory of the fighters by putting them on the same level as black predators just cause they black and male.

Yep, my father was and is my "hero" but he was a lousy husband as was my own husband; but that was my mother's "man". As long as dad didn't mess with my mom, he was alright with me....and "yes", I let him know that when I became an adult....long story, but I will share if you need clarification. Black women are always my #1 priority.

"Even in your attempt....you reiterated a negative....taking things out of context...many of your posts..."

Haven't a clue which negatives you are referring to, so I would need more information about it before addressing your point. I try to be as clear as possible in my posts, but I don't have a problem with asking questions to make sure we = me and the poster, are on the same page of



understanding on any topic of discussion. Like I said, I address my posts to individuals and if I mention another forum member's name, I sometimes send a personal email also because of the "forum delay" thing with posting replies. I don't want to break any forum rules of etiquette, so if it is problematic just say so...no problem.

Anyhoo, if you will send me an example of where I was being negative and/or taking things out of context, I will be happy to clear up any confusion for you...I don't care if I upset male egos with my posts. Heck, they run the world and expect me to go along with their lunacy.

"...what I would consider direct 'pot shots' aimed at black men..."

Ginger, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

Seriously, I haven't a clue what you are getting at with "pot shots", but if some men are "losers" or "predators" that is on them and I don't waste my time with supporting their bad behavior(s), but it does not characterize all black men as you well know. So I am a little bit confused by your comments at this point; surely you are not suggesting all black women support any and all black men regardless of their insane behaviors and statements....please clarify. That seems to be the exact opposite of what Shri Sa had suggested earlier, regardless of polygamy or any other negative behaviors they exhibit. I love black people, but sheesh...even they can pull some bonehead stunts that I disagree with and will not get in the "amen corner" behind.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Ginger Daniels** wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy

To: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Cc: "Ta\_Seti@yahooogroups.com", shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 12:07 AM

I'm done with this conversation. This is like screaming in the wind. Its pointless. If I had disrespected either of you I would understand you talking about "ease down".

Everything I said was based on trying to approach this topic with a level headed perspective. I do not even believe in polygamy but I tried to bring a balanced approach to the topic from a woman's perspective. Everything that has been said from the women's perspective has been from an emotional standpoint. Even in your attempt below to "talk about the good black men" you reiterated a negative sentiment. And if I may say so... you speak about me taking things out of context... perhaps you should read some of your responses (as there have been many) in this thread. I only comment on topics on this group that I am passionate about or have interest in.

Its great that you agree with her, I agree with both of you about not being into polygamy. Neither of you acknowledged that but its ok because its not necessary. I could copy and paste all of the things that have been written on this topic that really were not relative to the initial conversation, and were what I would consider direct "pot

shots" aimed at black men. But as I said before, I'm done with this conversation, as oil and water just don't mix. Peace.

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 20:23:34 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: gingerd2007@hotmail.com  
CC: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com; shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net

Hello Ginger,

I really think you need to "ease down" in telling other black women what they are dealing with day to day.

This is a forum of black folks offering opinions on the reality of the real world and their opinions of that reality. Nothing is going to change because of this sharing of perceptions within the black community IMO. We are just sharing what is really going on, and how the wider world perceives us in the black community....especially in the USA.

I was married to a black American male, and I couldn't give his sorry behind away because of the "boys club" and their supporting each other's efforts to keep black women oppressed and looking for relationships of pert near anykind for simple human bonding. Black women have enough to deal with without supporting negative male behaviors from all over the globe and their expectations of what we will "go along with". I get enough of that crap on TV and some radio stations...thanks, I don't need it here too.

You are entitled to your opinions, but so am I and Shri Sa entitled to ours. When I mention your name I send you a personal email so you don't think I am "backdoor gossip" you because there is a delay in forum posts. I considered it a COURTESY to you, but if it is problematic....say the word, and I will no longer do so....no problem. I read Shri Sa's post before I read yours....seriously, I concur with her, you tend to take things out of context and imply it is an on your credibility or opinion, when really it is just a difference of opinion.

As for "our overly negative portrayal of black men..."...sistah PLEEZ, you are not the only one that has experience with negative men...black or not. It is called being female and experiencing "life lessons" so the crap doesn't become a habit. Being black, doesn't mean being "right" in the real world...male or female, young or old, black/white or Jap-Talian.

There are some GOOD black men in the world today..always have been, but they are "taken" by some GOOD black women. **Envious...YES; jealous...NO**....and I wish them all the best this life has to offer them and their offspring. But there are black NUTBARS too, or did you miss the articles about the young Nigerian trying to blow up a plane on Dec 30?? Am I supposed to "support" his behind too just because he is a black/African male? IF you reply....please be clear and succinct, nothing wishy-washy about what actions are supportable by the black community please. I have a PROBLEM with black people trying to kill me or my people just because "we all black" and sacrifice is supposedly written on my DNA because of my pigment.

Sekhmet

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--- On Fri, 1/15/10, Ginger Daniels wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: pookynem2@yahoo.com, shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net,  
"Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 7:46 PM

I never once attacked you personally with anything I said. I discussed my disdain for our overly negative portrayal of black men, as if this is the only representation of what black men are. And while we hold black men accountable, let's hold black women accountable as well. Pointing the finger is great, so is looking in the mirror.

This topic started off because a member posted about polygamy and wanted input on the topic. He does not (nor his beliefs) represent all black men. Most of the black men I know are not even interested in a polygamous relationship. Black women can certainly be a handful... and most of the MEN I know cannot handle more than one at a time. I think you went overboard with your "holding them accountable" and I honestly found it a little disrespectful. There is a way to have a conversation without breaking a man down or belittling him/them. In my opinion you did both.

In all of my responses, I reiterated that I would never be in a polygamous relationship. I have a wonderful black man in my life who loves me and treats me like a queen. (he is not the father of my child and that is why I consider myself a single mother) I don't have to "defend" black women, though I always do. My life is a testament to hard working black women.

Sekhmet said - *The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.* Then in the very next sentence she says her father was her hero. This is my point. Both of you are painting black men with a VERY LARGE BRUSH. And I think it is very unfortunate because although I did not have a father in the house, I know many good black men who are very involved in their children's lives and are upstanding men in their communities. So I think WAAAAY too much of this thread has been committed to what black men aren't, and what they don't do. (interestingly by black women) I'm not in the business of tearing anyone down, my intent is always to edify. Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you as well... hopefully we can all work on giving the same respect that we expect in return. Peace

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 17:14:22 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Shri Sa/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

"This is not about attacking black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for

their actions..."

Hello Shri,

that is the way I was reading the thread thus far, without taking anything out of context or "reading into" something that wasn't there. The global community sees black women as capable and strong and that we run our households because black men aren't there...for a variety of reasons.

Personally, I have no "frame of reference" for what Ginger is claiming about the black community because my father was my "hero" even as a small child, and my mom...had to be an angel in disguise. While it was rare in the inner-city to have both birth parents in the home, that was my norm and I was envied by others although we were just as poor as they were living paycheck-to-paycheck.

So maybe this polygamy thread is what upsets women, as they get the short-end of the deal as usual.

Take care,  
sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 5:12 AM

Ms. Ginger Daniels,

This is not about attacking Black men, it is about holding them accountable and responsible for their actions. Now you seem to feel that you are justified with a personal attack on me. Sister you don't even know me, and you are way out of line. Maybe you would like to be a co-wife, be my guest. I will no longer speak in defense of hard working responsible Black women.

Much luck, wealth and prosperity to you, as you become a co-wife in Polygamous situation.

Peace,  
Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Ginger Daniels  
**To:** "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com"  
**Sent:** Thu, January 14, 2010 2:36:50 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Peace to you my sister.

I have a question for you.

When did this conversation become about attacking the black man? This is a prime example of the deeply rooted problems that exist within us as a people. Black women seem to focus on what black men do / do not do.... and we never take credit for our share of the blame. This is the "voice" that black men constantly complain about. Sistas belittling them, being disrespectful, and speaking in a manner that can break down his manhood. I mean this with all due respect to you sista, but I'm not down with degrading OR devaluing the black man. He is dealing with that on a daily basis in a world of white supremacy. That is not to make ANY EXCUSES for the problems that exist in our communities as a result of the black man's behavior... but as black women we need to be more aware of what is going on in this society and what is breaking our men down.

First of all, NOBODY can tell me ANYTHING about what black women can or cannot do, and how we are being affected (and our children) by the behavior of some of our black men. I AM A SINGLE MOTHER. I GREW UP WITHOUT MY FATHER IN THE HOUSEHOLD. But you know what? My mother wasn't there either. So I have seen the affects FIRST HAND and I have studied our people for most of my adult life. So I'm not sitting back making excuses for black men. I know what the institutions of this country are doing to them. I know what an inferior education can do to a black man. I know what having an abusive father in the household can do to a black man. I know what having NO father can do to a black man. Most of us (blk wmn) are growing up with our mothers in the household. So yes, not having a father is critical to our upbringing, but the same-sex parent is the most important figure to a child. So our men are coming up emasculated - identifying with their mothers - or they are turning to the streets to look for men to model themselves after. We had a long discussion here on this forum about black women being able to pose nude on magazine covers... their right to express themselves freely. Everyone was all gung-ho to let the sista go on the cover and make a fool of herself. Not realizing that this wicked media / society is attacking our men below their belts and keeping them focused on sex sex sex. They are living in a world that is constantly telling them "you are not loved" so they look for love in sex. I don't want to go too far into this, but BLACK WOMEN need to start being more knowledgeable about what is going on in the world. It's great to study Kemet, and our ancestors, but it is a waste of time if you are not aware of what is going on right now, today.

If you choose to date outside your race, fine. You go right ahead. I hear a lot of black women singing that song right now. Because it's being pumped all through the media... only 42% of black women have ever been married. Where will these women find men? Where will all the "educated, independent" black women find men? Well you know what, YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT. White people are feeding you your thoughts and you are believing what you are being told. I'm not saying that there is not an issue with black women being single, there is. But to be honest, the ones that I see, talking about what a black man can or cannot do... probably are turning the good black men away. AND THERE ARE MANY OF THEM OUT THERE. You know what an educated, independent black woman should do? Find her a good black man with potential and

help him to become an educated, successful black man. All these negative thoughts that we have in our minds manifest themselves into reality. "All black men are dogs. They all leave their women and children." THAT IS EXACTLY THE TYPE OF MAN YOU WILL RUN INTO WITH THOSE THOUGHTS. And if he dogged you and left you alone, you should share in that shame and irresponsibility because you should be more careful about who you lay down with. Sex is NOT a game. The act in itself takes two people. That takes NOTHING away from what his responsibilities are. But I'm SICK AND TIRED of black women blaming all our problems on our men. And here we are waving this carrot stick... if you don't act right I'm gonna go get with an Asian, white man etc. GOOD. Let's hope when you get that white man you can make steps toward killing white supremacy. Let's hope you can get some of your people jobs, health care, economic stability - since your man has a so called prominent position in this society. I don't see that happening. I wonder why...

How many black women are deadbeat mothers? How many of them have multiple men running in and out of their homes for their young boys to see... so that he can grow up and imitate that behavior? How many black women cheer their daughters when Beyonce comes on and she shakes her little behind? How many black women are letting the tv raise their children? How many black women belittle their sons and daughters when out in public? (ONE OF THE WORST THINGS YOU CAN DO TO A CHILD) How many black women smoke and drink in front of their children? How many of them dress "sexy" around their sons? How many of them teach their daughters to be strong and independent women, and subconsciously teach their sons to be timid and weak? How many black women go in and sit in on their sons' classes and see what a public school classroom looks like from his perspective? We keep talking about what black men aren't doing. WHO RAISED THEM? If we've been doing it all on our own, then why are our sons turning out to be these types of men? PLEASE stop this way of thinking. IT IS GETTING US NOWHERE BUT RIGHT WHERE WE ARE.

I am really astounded that you would use a movie to shed light on your point. The media is highly active in the destruction of the black family. A man tried to rape her niece in a movie, and a hispanic man came and saved the day. Why do we always point to athletes, as if they represent all 40 million of us as a whole? Because that's what's on TV. CNN shows black women without black men, then closes the series Black In America with a white man coming through and saving the day. BET is showing you black men who don't like black women. THAT'S BECAUSE THEY DON'T LIKE THEMSELVES. This is what self hatred looks like. Your response, these movies, the violence, the homosexuality, the over-indulgence in EVERYTHING, the materialism, the abuse, the molestation. ... white people don't have to touch us anymore. We have become our own worst enemies.

I am not PRO BLACK WOMAN. I am not PRO BLACK MAN. I am PRO BLACK FAMILY. There is no circle without the man, woman, and child. You can complete your circle with another race, that's fine. To each his own. But I am always curious if these other races are cognizant of what it will take to raise a black child. Will he study your history? Will he implement social programs for that child that will teach them to

be proud of who they are? Or will they only confront race when out in the world... like so many mixed children today do... parents aren't teaching them the reality of the world because their in love. So they grow up hating their black selves and trying to conform to white peoples (or whatever race) world. NOW YOU AS THE MOTHER can take the responsibility for that.

I'm not anti-polygamy, anti-polyandry, anti-single, anti-gay, I'm not anti anything. I am 100% PRO BLACK FAMILY. So these things do not fit into what I think is proper for me or my children. But black women have bigger fish to fry, than to sit around worrying about what a man and a woman decide to do inside the confines of their own home. Women face abuse everyday in so called monogamous relationships. So do men. Women in monogamous relationships often share their men with other women, knowingly or not. So do men. This situation is one of the reasons that AIDS is so rampant in our communities. And its not all on the men. You lay down with dogs you get flees.

People, lets elevate our way of thinking!

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 18:38:08 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Raising a family without a man is what so many Black women have had to do during those times when Black men have literally walked away from their responsibilities. Instead of berating and insulting Black women for having the strength to survive while Black men in America have not stepped up to their responsibilities, maybe this disdain should be turned towards the many deadbeat fathers out there. And there are a great many Black men who do not want to have any part of rearing/raising their children - are they aware how much they are needed? Why have so many BLack men chosen to date and impregnate BLack women - and then chose to just walk away from their own children? Many black women want the support of their children's father while at the same time not having to be subject to abuse. And many Black men either want everything from their children's mother (sex, marriage, or sex without marriage), or else they will not have anything at all to do with their own children. Why do Black men behave like that? I would like to hear a black man on this forum address the issue of why so many Black men literally do not want anything to do with their own children? And also address why so many black men choose to date and marry outside our Black community. Society as a whole teaches everyone that Black women are not worthy, that we are ugly, and fit to be mammies, maids, and mommas. While White women are the standard of beauty, are better mothers, and better wives than Black women..



How has the behavior of Black men in America helped or hurt that stereotype? In the mean time, Black women have had to endure and survive without their own Black men. Black men have, on the other hand, survived with whatever women they can get their hands on, e.g. Black women, White women, Asian women, Hispanic, women...Black men survive regardless. I have even seen a talk show by Black men on BET where many Black men outright state they don't even need Black women. And many Black men literally have lives exactly like that. Many Black celebrities and athletes choose to marry white women...just look at the line up. Why are those Black men never challenged or humiliated by other Black men? It is always Black women putting down other Black women...and we are not even choosing to marry outside of our race....not yet anyway. Black men date and have children with Black women everyday.... walk away from their responsibilities. ....marry white, asian, hispanic women....Black women raise our children alone - not by choice many times.....Then black men propose that - after countless generations of them not helping to rear their own children or marry us (they marry other races of women) - the best solution for correcting their mistakes is for us to share them with other Black women.

Well, if they value themselves that much, why have Black men not proposed to marry more than one white woman? Why not marry more than one Asian woman? Why not marry more than one Hispanic woman? Please take your pimpin' tendencies some where else. Black women have put up with enough bad behavior from Black men. If Black men are not willing to behave in a decent and respectable manner, then I would date/marry outside my Black community. As the movie, "I Can Do Bad All By Myself" taught me, there can be love and support found outside our race. (The main female character in the movie dated a married man **that tried to rape her niece** -which is the exact behavior married men display, they can never get enough. Thankfully the Hispanic man stepped up to such poor behavior from the Black men) That to me is a better option than continuing to deal with poor behavior from Black men. "Families need a man for balance", OK. But if Black men do not want to be there, no one can force him. And Black women should not be held responsible for the actions of grown men.

Peace

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**From:** Li (wiseladyowl) [yahoo.com](mailto:Li (wiseladyowl)@yahoo.com)>

**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

**Sent:** Wed, January 13, 2010 7:52:43 PM

**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

nor can I but in my opinion neither should men and just because you "can" does not mean you "should". Women can have a lot of babies or just a few and yes even none and the problems we face as a community do NOT need to be addressed with men having more than one woman. Why not suggest that we help one another and hire our own ppl the way that other cultures do?



Suggest that families help their extended families and create financial havens that support our ppl instead of polygamy?? I mean really solutions are just opportunities to do things in different ways so why suggest the same old thing and especially when you can see that others are not accepting of it?

--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, Ginger Daniels** [hotmail.com](mailto:hotmail.com)> wrote:

From: Ginger Daniels  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroup [s.com](mailto:s.com)"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 10:36 PM

I cannot, as a woman, imagine having multiple husbands / sexual partners at one time. And if you take on multiple husbands, do you take on the ideology of polygamy - meaning you support all of these men at the same time? Or do they all pool their resources to take care of you and your multiple children. Will you ever NOT be pregnant, if you are birthing children for multiple men?

"Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man?"

There is no real FAMILY without a man. I can't stand this thinking. If it took him to bring the child to life, then it will take him or some other man to raise that child. Parenting is a two person job. Of course we can maintain, we've been doing it. But look at the situation that our people are in. Look at OUR children... it takes a village right? We collectively have failed our children as 70% of our households are headed by women. This is not the way, I'm sorry. Peace.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 19:01:17 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

Why is Polyandry so carefully ignored by the men in this group. Polygamy includes both a man with multiple wives and a woman with multiple husbands. There are many young teenage boys selling their bodies to older men for money, many young men confused by not having proper male role models. Therefore since Polygamy is espoused, the option of a woman with multiple husbands must also be considered. Many of the women I personally know, make more money than men, are raising their children on their own and doing just fine. To assume that a woman will be destitute (and resort to prostitution) if she does not marry a man, or becomes a co-wife is really showing a lot of ignorance. Many African Americans can testify to their own Black Matriarch in the family. African American women have been the main provider and nurturer within the community for decades - all while African American men have ignored their own family. Why, during this new 21st century, should African American women begin to doubt ourselves and our own ability to maintain a family without the help of a man? We should not - this topic stems from African American feeling helpless and insecure. And their way of feeling in control is by controlling women and children. When maybe what needs

to be controlled is their insatiable sexual appetites, and out of control ego's. Men are quick to feel threatened if a woman is stepping out of her female "role" in society. Yet women are slow to feel threatened when we encounter male beauticians, male dancers teachers, etc. Women accept men in traditionally female roles, but men will not tolerate a woman in a traditionally male role for one second. So, from my perspective, this subject of polygamy is not about an African American woman needing financial help, it is about African American men needing to feel empowered by controlling as many Black women as possible. The word PIMP comes to mind in that regard.

Don't get me wrong, all things considered African American men need to take their **responsible** place within the community and family. But it needs to be a position of respect, humility, grace, and a responsible attitude. Not one of control, keeping a woman in her place, taking as many women (and boys) in their bed as possible, etc. This is not very responsible. Many Blacks in America need to also realize and acknowledge their Native American Indian heritage as well. Not everything needs to be taken from the continent of Africa (no disrespect).

Personally I am not a proponent of any Polygamous situation. If there are needs within the community, then we can work together to help each other out. But not to the point of requiring to have sex with someone to provide that help - that is prostitution. If a man feels he has to have sex with a woman in order to help her, then he is highly ignorant and sex-crazed. Helping fatherless and/or motherless children in the community can be done in a great number of ways without further victimizing single mothers and single fathers. Remember AGAPE love, not selfish and self-serving actions. Helping a family does not translate in a man taking control of that family, marrying that woman as a co-wife, and having sex with her - that is only helping the man to satisfy his insatiable appetite for more sex. Grow up, helping others starts with their needs - not yours. And if you cannot help without taking away someone's virtue, dignity, and freedom then kindly tend to the responsibilities you are already committed to.

By the way, many men did not grow-up in a culture that accepts this practice as normal either - Judeo-Christian values aside.

Peace,  
Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Tue, January 12, 2010 8:18:20 PM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there

isgenerally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant to as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that aminority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com)  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is for the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of the woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though that annoys the hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to do unto you is a universal principal that anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confusion as we are still human no matter what any religious, spiritual , cultural system may approve of.  
Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/should not engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have done it since time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, only for the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

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| 31431|2010-01-17 11:14:45|shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net|Re: Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post|  
Sis Sekhmet & Lady Wise Owl,

You are more than welcome, I am glad this article helps shed light on the subject. Credit really goes to a Sister named Earth, administrator of the Kemetic Science Temple social network. I would like to post a link for the network, but I am away from home at moment. It will be posted later today. Her network provides great information on how we can keep Kemetic Culture alive.

Peace

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**Date:** Sat, 16 Jan 2010 17:39:29 -0800 (PST)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

Excellent paper, Shri ...thanks for sharing.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 7:12 PM

Here is the link from my last post: **Polygyny in Africa: A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality**

<http://www.bu.edu/wcp/Papers/Afri/AfriGbot.htm>

Peace,

Shri Sa Hetep

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**From:** Shri Sa Hetep

**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

**Sent:** Sat, January 16, 2010 8:04:35 PM

**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"(1) thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965).

The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby." (2)

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation

myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds.. Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys



and seven girls four white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...] during the night Moon [...] had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar's body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...].. Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]." (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man,

Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshipping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called him Sekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[... ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original humans' *modus vivendi*.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in

terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

## II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an ad verecundiam argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male's Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism.. It treats women as

inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women's sexuality or infidelity.

### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).<sup>(4)</sup> Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality", wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problem the male infidelity by creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

## IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

#### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

#### C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African

National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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## Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.

2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God.. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.
4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."
5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M.. 58, has been reprinted in Basic Documents Supplement to International Law 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.
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Thank you that very illuminating and level-headed input. Much appreciated.

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I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to add that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about marriage and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European bourgeois culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional African cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional African cultures. They made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in wars or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it plays a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. If it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional African polygamy (and I'm generalizing here) the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnight creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) and it takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.

4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.

2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.

3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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He has his point of view , he states:

"My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male"s challenge to the original monogyny."

He see's polygyny and polygamy as sinful, such are his religious views, many christians feel the

same as him.

But Ausar had two wives in some of the stories Adam has two wives in some of those stories, Shango has two wives in some stories.

Because a people have monogamy at a early state in their becoming a tribe and grow later to become a nation and see a need to change for whatever reason isn't sin..... Its their prerogative to ensure their continuity as they see fit.

The myths usually start with not a monogamy but sometimes a androgyny or a One.

Also there is a bitter and Great difference between female and male circumcision practiced in pre-islamic Africa and infibulation only evidence from the time of islamic invasion of Africa and into present times.

African female circumcision in Ethiopia (maybe oldest practiced in Africa) is the removal of the hood and some cultures remove tip of clitoris.

No excision of clitoris sewing up of the labia so only a straw can pass thru a opening for urination.

A man can have foreskin removed and with some cultures a length long slit is cut in the underside of the penis.

seems to me the author is prejudicial toward a idea and not open to other ways of thinking and understanding people, what God is sinning people he slanders?.

There is nothing wrong with a thing being cultural and men or women changing to face necessary political/ecological/philosophical assaults on their way of life.

Women change as time and political demands also.

Its only the authors opinion that proverbs dont have the weight of myth, his opinion is noted, and its not mine not necessarily in every comparison. Proverbs can be much more weightier than some Old first myths as they are living myths and not necessarily speculative philosophy and or earth science's.

I dont say polygyny and/or polygamy only, i love monogamy also as well as celibacy.

We (rebuilders of ancient Khamit/ Africa) need a complete toolbox to rebuild our home.



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--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

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Polygyny in Africa:

A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality

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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"<sup>(1)</sup> thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."<sup>(2)</sup>

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice

of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From *Death and the Creator*, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds.. Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girlsfour white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe,

southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...]during the night Moon[...]had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar" s body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...].. Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]."

(Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In The Revolt Against God, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshiping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called himSekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[... . ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original humans'modus vivendi.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.(3) This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to



become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

#### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaïse de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

## II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an ad verecundiam argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound

religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male"s Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism.. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women's sexuality or infidelity.

#### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality" , wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist.

Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problem the male infidelity by creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

#### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

#### IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

##### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

##### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

#### C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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#### Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.
2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God.. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.
4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."
5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M.. 58, has been reprinted in Basic Documents Supplement to International Law 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.

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Thank you that very illuminating and level-headed input. Much appreciated.

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I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "polygamy," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and polygamy - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about



and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Africa and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional African cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional African cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional African polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community..

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional European cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, and that's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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Excellent paper, Shri ...thanks for sharing.  
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Polygyny in Africa:

A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality

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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice

of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"(1) thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."(2)

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds.. Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much

hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girls four white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...]during the night Moon[...]had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar" s body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...].. Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes

and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]." (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshipping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called him Sekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[... ] (Ibid., pp. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original humans' *modus vivendi*.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of



immortality.

#### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

#### II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry



two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an *ad verecundiam* argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male's Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into

misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism.. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women's sexuality or infidelity.

#### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality" , wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problem the male infidelity by creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

#### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

#### IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all,

through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

#### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

#### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

## C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.
2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, *op. cit.*, p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God.. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.
4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."
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Thank you that very illuminating and level-headed input. Much appreciated.

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I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about marriage and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European bourgeois culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional African cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional African cultures. They made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in wars or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it plays a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. If it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, and that's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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| 31434|2010-01-17 19:08:27|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Hebrew/Preserve the father's name....|

"male children to pass on the father's name..."

Yeah, but some of the parents were getting early abortions after they found out they were having a girl, and kept doing it until they had a son. Other poorer countries would do infanticide in a lot of cases, but only the female infants.

Now what about the mother's name....oh, right; most societies are now patriarchal...moms don't count, we just "breed"....ROTFL!!

"...higher altitudes kill off XX sperm..."

Ahhhh, I see; makes that mountain climbing just a sport in modern times although it doesn't work very well if that is where you live 24/7. Anyhoo, I'll take your word for it...I am past my mountain climbing days for fun and do it only as a last resort. I prefer elevators, less wear on the joints....LOL!!



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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 6:38 PM

male children to pass on the father's name is in  
favor AND almost the same in the other nations,  
however, the higher altitudes kill off XX sperm  
below 12,500 ft; above 12,500 the Sun's radiation  
kills of XY, which is airline pilots have more  
girls than boys!  
there society is out of balance just like black  
america; more women than men by far.  
the effect is that you have vast numbers of  
"effeminate" men [lady boys] in these asian  
countries due to the shortage of women. they even  
have special bathrooms from trans sexed men.  
I could provide references but check it out.

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 11:00:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy

"...due to the shortage of women..."

Interesting Hebrew, China I know has a shortage of women because of their one child law and the killing of infant girls because they favor boy births...I ain't figured that one out yet. The other countries you mentioned has a shortage of women because..... ?

If you know of a link or article please let me know what it is. Besides natural disasters of some sort, I can't think of any reason(s) why they would have a woman shortage, but polygamy is not the answer IMO, because it would appear to deprive other men of getting a wife since there are more men than women.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:23 AM

polygamy is common practice in Nepal, parts of China, Tibet, Bhutan, & other countries around there due to the shortage of women.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 10:07:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

Peter

PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to can hear her in her own words.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = I To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, know....no problem.

As for Nigerians or some West Africans engaging in polygamy as a cultural norm, and not trying to become "Westernized" and condemning it.....that is due to their indigenous religion.

being slowly eroded by conversion to Christianity. Or, their lack of finances to afford a polygamous lifestyle.

I believe that East Africans are predominantly Islamic in modern times, so they too will consider polygamy a cultural norm and treat women as "air head", second class citizens to boot.

Thanks for the book titles, I will try to read a literary critique on-line unless you want to do that for me....no way I can afford to purchase more books at this time.

Now, Peter....do you want to discuss the benefits of multiple husbands and why men avoid the topic.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:34 AM

Yes polygamy is still considered "normal" in many parts of West Africa (e.g., Nigeria), in the sense that it is a common practice. Check out these books from the Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Half of a Yellow Sun* [set in the time of the Biafran War, 1967/70]; and *Purple Hibiscus*.

Nowadays, it is considered politically correct to condemn the practice, largely because of patronizing Western liberal thinking. I do believe that Africans themselves will come to reject and abandon it as they attempt to modernize, i.e. Westernize, and I suspect the driving force for that change will be the limited ability of the MALE to afford it.

Forgive my ignorance, but what is ROTFL?

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 10:23:06 -0800

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"....Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal..."

Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social practice depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless s

catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community. If it is about female genital mutilation.. ..well, that was an individual tribal "norm" and not a Pan-African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing if some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it ain't normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis head of men to keep things balanced. "...don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground...." Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. Women can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements, protection, child rearing and monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:18 PM

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com)  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with it it is for the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to abuse of a woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though that annoys a hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to do unto you is a universal principle that anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as confusion. We are still human no matter what any religious, spiritual, cultural system may approve or disapprove of. Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/shouldn't engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have existed since time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system is between the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/egyptianvoodoo/est/2010/01/07/polygamy>  
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Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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Sometimes black folks just confuse the heck out of me. And don't get me wrong, I understand/remember the long history of governmental "apartheid" and other crap that went on in Haiti for decades. But like every other country on the planet, Haitians have their "class sytem" too. So I will say it even if I do get "slammed" for it - and "yes", I read the entire article....the MILITARY, even the dreaded SouthCom, is better equipped and staffed to handle such a large emergency situation for the LOWER class, which always makes up the MAJORITY of VICTIMS in any society; even some of the ELITE class were effected. If I am "missing something"....PLEASE, let me know, thanks. BTW, the most recent shooting of 3 men today was done by Haitian Police...not the military; remember, the prison collapsed and the prisoners escaped during the quake.

I am happy to know that the author of this column is alright, but she is also a lawyer and apparently not too concerned with the **majority of victims in Haiti** if she wants to keep out the largest and best equipped group to handle this emergency at this time....or am I missing something because I would rather deal with the emergency FIRST, and the politics LATER....people are still injured and DYING. -Sekhmet

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**January 17, 2010**

## **Go home US military: Haiti doesn't need anymore pain!**

*By Ezili Danto*



**Go home US military: Haiti doesn't need anymore pain!**

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Excerpt from:

**The media called, Part 3: Haitians need Emergency Rescue and Relief not Military Invasion I say**, by Ezili Dantò LN (See also: **The Media Called** ([Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)) by Ezili Dantò rel="nofollow" class="ygrps-yiv-1430372911more" target="\_blank" href="http://open.salon.com/blog/content.php?cid=446439">

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We've beaten back the elite's rabid rage before. We know the game and Haitians will do everything to force them to retreat. The US is not hiding its imperialism behind the UN anymore. Its come out into the light. Right now you need State Department clearance to land in Haiti. Don't despair my people. The issue is not emergency rescue anymore. Emergency is immediate, it's within 48 hours. That's over. The people who could have been saved under the rubble and metal have mostly died. Now it's about medical relief, healing and rebuilding. Haitians can do that by themselves with the help of the world that wants to send monies to Haiti for the earthquake victims.

Go home US military. Please. And take the UN occupation forces and the false aid NGOs with you. Take France with you and let them know Haitians want the Independence Debt back! Officially 50,000 corpses have been retrieved and the HLLN estimates are that perhaps 1/3rd of Port-au-Prince's 3 million people are dead. The US cannot provide rescue to the dead or relief to the survivors by the point of a gun. So leave.

Let the 4 million Haitians in the Diaspora land in Haiti and take care of their own. Haitians doctors, nurses and public health officials hold up the public health system in New York and in Miami. We can go and give medical relief to our own in solidarity with individuals of good will, from all the races and nations, who will work directly with the Haitian government and us, the people of Haiti. Now that the US and Western countries have flown out their citizens, let us Haitians from abroad land in Haiti. Let us heal our people, our family, our homeland. Please go home President Obama, Clinton and Bush and take you're 10,000 US soldiers and your 9,000 soldiers and the NGOs and USAID with you. Kindly. Haiti doesn't need any military help or rescue. We are not in conflict wit anyone. Haitians are not a violent people; history has shown that despite the media lies and racist propaganda. The Haitian civilian rescue teams who have been rescuing the earthquake victims have been doing a good job. They need our support, better equipment and supplies not Pentagon guns. Please hear us.

When the Haitians at the airport refused to give up their post to the US military, the US Southern Command went to President Preval and put a paper in front of him to sign giving them authority. Preval is NOT the Haitian government. The Prime Minister is alive and in the coming week we shall know how many of the legislators have survived. The authority given does not have the people's consent - a good indication of this is that the Haitians at the airport had to be forcibly removed. The Haitian Diaspora cannot reach their own. That's why I'm writing this to the



world. Talking to the world.

### **Go away! please. - Haiti doesn't need anymore pain**

We ask every one who stand in solidarity with the nation of Haiti and the long suffering peoples of Haiti and the earthquake victims to talk to your representatives - this is a bipartisan invasion of the most fragile country at a time when its people need medical care and release from pain. How diabolical is it, that Obama sent it more pain? Talk to your representatives. They are acting in YOUR NAME. If we do not talk to them, they shall take us for fools and idiots and go ahead with their proposed genocidal plans of plunder and pillage Haiti in plain site, as opposed to how they were doing it before - behind the UN occupation and false organized benevolence. Go away please and release the airport so Haitians can land to do the necessary." (Excerpted from: **The media called** (Part 3): Haitians need Emergency Rescue and Relief not Military Invasion I say, by Ezili Danté LN)

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### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**The Media Called** ([Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)) by Ezili Danté >

[The Militarization of Emergency Aid to Haiti: Is it a Humanitarian Operation or an Invasion?](#) by Michel Chossudovsky

[The Right Testicle of Hell: History of a Haitian Holocaust](#) by Greg Palast

[Aristide Haiti Return - Clinton, Bush & Obama of One Mindset](#)  
By Chantal Laurent

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Article at <http://www.opednews.com/articles/Go-home-US-military-Haiti-by-Ezili-Danto-100117-352.html>

OpEdNews - Article: Go home US military: Haiti doesn't need anymore pain!

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### **IN THE HOLY & RIGHTEOUS NAME YHVH SHALOM**

Greetings Denise & all parties on this group list;  
Due to the recent outbreaks of severe weather, pestilence, disease, and geological phenomena, I am asking all of the 250,000 users on the various list to consider helping me to help those helpless victims of Earth change as follows:

1. 7 week supplication, prayers, meditation, and SUPER FAST for the victims of Haitian Earth Quake & Hurricane Katrina.
2. SUPER FAST will be supervised by myself and several other "Natural Healers" I know personally and to use their products, which I will obtain at a super discount to pass onto you, as directed along your fasting path

3. \$9.99 PAY PAL sign up fee & weekly counseling fee of \$6.99 <webinars& teaching broadcast included> site coming within 72 hours with an URL to register concerned, mindful, spiritual, spirit filled, & spirit-led believers in THE MOST HIGH & WONDERFUL YAHWEH during this tenure of physical exorcism of bad diet & habits. Personally, I plan on kicking my last bad habit of caffeine!
4. A significant portion of proceeds to go DIRECTLY TO THOSE IN GREATEST NEED BY DIRECT CASH GRANTS to buy heavy equipment & building supplies AND/OR MEDICAL & FOOD AID!
5. Establish a HOUSE OF Yahweh's REFUGE in New Orleans & in Haiti to begin the multi-tiered process of spiritual & mental counseling AND proper sanitation, hygiene, & diet according to the proper application of the Torah!

Please let me know if you want to sign up and help out in this great & good effort to rescue & restore our people's lives now! If you do not wish to participate in the Super Fast, please give a small donation of \$50+?

Shalom,

brother hebrew ben yisrael

| 31437|2010-01-17 19:09:24|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Tafari/Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post|

Hello Tafari,

I concur that any "sin" is strictly a religious viewpoint, and shouldn't have any place in cultural re-building or even construction of a culture as most are un-proven myths passed down from word of mouth initially, then written down in a far off time. The myths change depending on the culture that is re-telling the story, especially with no documentation from the "first storyteller" or eyewitness.

Anyway, women only change when the "politics" change. We have been basically constant in feminine duties and outlook, until patriarchal religions decided to dictate that also (this is strictly my opinion of history and the roles women played.) Unless a woman was a military leader or queen, there is little known about their daily lives except what man she married and HIS offspring.

As for infibulation....well, I have heard nothing good about it and once it is done, usually at an

early age...if the girl survives the practice, childbirth and "docile behaviors" become another nightmare scenario men have no concept of. I have only heard of the penis cutting once, I don't remember what it was originally about but having studied human anatomy and physiology....I just shook my head thinking of the "original recipient" of that particular ritual. I just kept saying, "whoa,...what was they thinking about". I am all for village solidarity and male secret rituals, but....sheesh, you simply can't improve on Mother Nature's original schematics for human genitalia....and not all of them are "perfect" at birth.

Anyhoo, I loved the article although I think a lot of trouble started with the pre-Islamic invasions and their ever-evolving rules of culture for others, especially captives. So I will keep the original article "flagged" as a favorite.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 10:45 PM

He has his point of view , he states:

"My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny."

He see's polygyny and polygamy as sinful, such are his religious views, many christians feel the same as him.

But Ausar had two wives in some of the stories Adam has two wives in some of those stories, Shango has two wives in some stories.

Because a people have monogamy at a early state in their becoming a tribe and grow later to become a nation andsee a need to change for whatever reasonisnt sin..... Its their prerogative to ensure their continuity as they see fit.

The mythes usually start with not a monogamy but sometimes a androgyny or a One.

Also there is a bitter and Great difference between female and male circumcision practiced in pre-islamic Africa and infibulation only evidence from the time ofislamic invasion of Africa and into present times.

African female circumcision in ethiopia(maybe oldest practiced in Africa) is the removal of the hood and some culturesremove tip of clitoris.

No excision of clitorisewing up of the labia so only a straw can pass thru a opening for urination.

A man can have foreskin removed and with some culturesa length long slit is cutin the underside of the penis.

seems to me the author is prejudicial toward a idea and not open to other ways of thinking and understanding people, what God is sinning people he slanders?.

There is nothing wrong with a thing being cultural and men or womenchanging to face necessary

political/ecological/philosophical assaults on their way of life.

Women change as time and political demands also.

It's only the author's opinion that proverbs don't have the weight of myth, his opinion is noted, and it's not mine not necessarily in every comparison. Proverbs can be much more weightier than some Old First Myths as they are living myths and not necessarily speculative philosophy and or earth science's.

I don't say polygyny and/or polygamy only, I love monogamy also as well as celibacy.

We (rebuilders of ancient Khamit/ Africa) need a complete toolbox to rebuild our home.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 7:04 PM

Polygyny in Africa:

A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality

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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminates against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other

things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"(1) thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."(2)

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to

name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds.. Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girlsfour white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In The Pitcher and the Basket, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In The Disobedience of Man, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the

supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From How Moon Fathered the World, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...]during the night Moon[...]had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar" s body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...].. Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]" (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In The Revolt Against God, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshiping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called himSekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[... . ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original humans'modus vivendi.

C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create



humans in their image and likeness.(3) This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

#### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

#### II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are

polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an *ad verecundiam* argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male's Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman.

For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism.. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women's sexuality or infidelity.

#### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality" , wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problem the male infidelity by creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

#### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

#### IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

#### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

#### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

#### C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted

and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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## Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.
2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p.

19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God.. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.

4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."

5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M.. 58, has been reprinted in Basic Documents Supplement to International Law 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.

6. Mandela's speech was entitled, "Today and Tomorrow Towards the Women's Rights Charter," November 1990.. Quoted by S. Clarke, 1993, p. 37.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
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Thank you that very iluminating and level-headed input. Much ppreciated.

Peter

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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in america, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional european based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional Afrikan cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional Afrikan cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution



which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community..

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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| 31438|2010-01-17 19:09:25|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA|

Hello Peter,

I concur, I will send you an article I have been reading from a Haitian talking head that lives in Haiti....before the quake, I hope she is alright.

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 6:35 PM

Pat Robertson takes the cake (awy from Rush Limbaugh) .. suggesting that Haiti's present misfortune is the result of their "pact with the Devil" in liberating themselves from the French (and British and Spanish) - 1804.

Peter

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Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 10:24:15 -0800

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA

"...current tragedy is linked to decades of (enforced) poverty...."

Hello Peter,

I remember some of the things Haitians have endured and the countries that came to their assistance without some sort of caveat to boot. I just sent the original article because the title seems to imply that the USA somehow created the quake itself, rather than it being a NATURAL disaster.

Anyway, I am glad for the global positive response they are currently getting....much different than the Katrina victims received.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 8:16 AM

Of course, the current tragedy in Haiti is linked to decades of (enforced) poverty, via invasion, neocolonial abuse, etc.

I too wish to commend China, Venezuela and all the other countries that have responded so quickly. Let's not forget: the Haitian Ambassador did acknowledge with thanks to Venezuela that their (Venezuelan) immediate support was probably the result of the fact that some of the most effective efforts of Simon Bolivar in liberating Venezuela were successful because of the thousands of Haitian soldiers fighting with him.

Peter

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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA

Well of course this is the time to bring up "old news" about American involvement in the with regard to Haiti....I have nothing to add, so will take a different approach to this tragedy such a poor country after repeated natural disasters 4-5 years in a row....

**Let me send a personal TA-TA YAH!!! to the Chinese people and government for their immediate and VERY LARGE**

**response to the Haitians within 48 hours!!!**

**and to the other countries and governments in Europe and South America another "thank you"!!! You and your assistance are MOST Welcome!!**

Sekhmet, a US citizen

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## **Haitian Earthquake: Made in the USA**

### **Why the Blood Is on Our Hands**

by Ted Rall

As grim accounts of the earthquake in Haiti came in, the accounts in U.S.-controlled state media all carried the same descriptive sentence: "Haiti is the poorest country in the Western hemisphere.. ."

Gee, I wonder how that happened?

You'd think Haiti would be loaded. After all, it made a lot of people rich.

How did Haiti get so poor? Despite a century of American colonialism, occupation, and propping up corrupt dictators? Even though the CIA staged coups d'état against every democratically elected president they ever had?

It's an important question. An earthquake isn't just an earthquake. The same 7.0 tremor hitting San Francisco wouldn't kill nearly as many people as in Port-au-Prince.

"Looking at the pictures, essentially it looks as if (the buildings are of) breezeblock or cinderblock construction, and what you need in an earthquake zone is metal bars that connect the blocks so that they stay together when they get shaken," notes Sandy Steacey, director of the Environmental Science Research Institute at the University of Ulster in Northern Ireland. "In a wealthy country with good seismic building codes that are enforced, you would have some damage, but not very much."

When a pile of cinderblocks falls on you, your odds of survival are long. Even if you miraculously survive, a poor country like Haiti doesn't have the equipment, communications infrastructure or emergency service personnel to pull you out of the rubble in time. And if your neighbors get you out, there's no ambulance to take you to the hospital--or doctor to treat you once you get there.

Earthquakes are random events. How many people they kill is predetermined. In Haiti this week, don't blame tectonic plates. Ninety-nine percent of the death toll is attributable to poverty.

So the question is relevant. How'd Haiti become so poor?

The story begins in 1910, when a U.S. State Department-National City Bank of New York (now called Citibank) consortium bought the Banque National d'Haشر--Haiti's only commercial bank and its national treasury--in effect transferring Haiti's debts to the Americans. Five years later, President Woodrow Wilson ordered troops to occupy the country in order to keep tabs on "our" investment.

From 1915 to 1934, the U.S. Marines imposed harsh military occupation, murdered Haitians patriots and diverted 40 percent of Haiti's gross domestic product to U.S. bankers. Haitians were banned from government jobs. Ambitious Haitians were shunted into the puppet military, setting the stage for a half-century of U.S.-backed military dictatorship.

The U.S. kept control of Haiti's finances until 1947.

Still--why should Haitians complain? Sure, we stole 40 percent of Haiti's national wealth for 32 years. But we let them keep 60 percent.

Whiners.

Despite having been bled dry by American bankers and generals, civil disorder prevailed until 1957, when the CIA installed President-for-Life François "Papa Doc" Duvalier. Duvalier's brutal Tonton Macoutes paramilitary goon squads murdered at least 30,000 Haitians and drove educated people to flee into exile. But think of the cup as half-full: fewer people in the population means fewer people competing for the same jobs!

Upon Papa Doc's death in 1971, the torch passed to his even more dissolute 19-year-old son, Jean-Claude "Baby Doc" Duvalier. The U.S., cool to Papa Doc in his later years, quickly warmed back up to his kleptomaniacal playboy heir. As the U.S. poured in arms and trained his army as a supposed anti-communist bulwark against Castro's Cuba, Baby Doc stole an estimated \$300 to \$800 million from the national treasury, according to Transparency International. The money was placed in personal accounts in Switzerland and elsewhere.

Under U.S. influence, Baby Doc virtually eliminated import tariffs for U.S. goods. Soon Haiti was awash predatory agricultural imports dumped by American firms. Domestic rice farmers went bankrupt. A nation that had been agriculturally self-sustaining collapsed. Farms were abandoned. Hundreds of thousands of farmers migrated to the teeming slums of Port-au-Prince. The Duvalier era, 29 years in all, came to an end in 1986 when President Ronald Reagan ordered U.S. forces to whisk Baby Doc to exile in France, saving him from a popular uprising. Once again, Haitians should thank Americans. Duvalierism was "tough love." Forcing Haitians to make do without their national treasury was our nice way or encouraging them to work harder, to lift themselves up by their bootstraps. Or, in this case, flipflops. Anyway.

The U.S. has been all about tough love ever since. We twice deposed the populist and popular democratically- elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide. The second time, in 2004, we even gave him a free flight to the Central African Republic! (He says the CIA kidnapped him, but whatever.) Hey, he needed a rest. And it was kind of us to support a new government formed by former Tonton Macoutes.

Yet, despite everything we've done for Haiti, they're still a fourth-world failed state on a fault line.

And still, we haven't given up. American companies like Disney generously pay wages to their sweatshop workers of 28 cents an hour.

What more do these ingrates want?

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**As lives and houses shattered in Haiti quake, so did some**

## religious differences

By Manuel Roig-Franzia

Washington Post

Sunday, January 17, 2010; A01

PORT-AU-PRINCE -- At night, voices rise in the street. Sweet, joyful, musical voices in lyric Creole. A symphony of hope in a landscape of despair.

"It doesn't mean anything if Satan hates me, because God loves me," sing the women at Jeremy Square, their faces almost invisible in the darkness of this powerless, shattered downtown. "God has already paid my debt."

Haiti is known as a society of devout Christians -- Catholics, Protestants, Methodists, evangelicals -- and followers of voodoo. Faith has long played a powerful role in this impoverished nation, giving hope to the poor and fulfilling social functions that the government is incapable of handling.

But in the days since the earth pitched and rolled here, pulverizing shanties and mansions alike, the religious differences that sometimes separated Haitians have come crashing down.

Port-au-Prince has become a kind of multid denominational, open-air church. Tens of thousands live in the street together, scraping for food and water, sharing their misery and blending their spirituality.

The women singing together in Jeremy Square might never have worshiped side by side before the disaster, but now their voices harmonize and soar well past 2 in the morning. Lionelle Masse, a stringy woman with a deep, sad voice, lost a child in the quake. She sings next to Rosena Roche, a fiery-eyed Catholic whose husband is buried under tons of rubble.

"I still have faith in God," Roche says. "I want to give glory to God."

Regardless of their faith, countless Haitians have similar questions: Why was I spared? Are we being punished for our sins? Is this a test of faith? What happens in the afterlife?

### **'Not the will of the Lord'**

Seekers stream into the parking lot of the ruined Sacre Coeur Catholic church, a 105-year-old brick gem that was turned into a grim, hollowed-out shell, its stunning stained-glass windows tossed to the ground in shards. There, the Catholics and the Protestants and others seek solace from Father Hans Alexander, a Haitian priest who took his decidedly un-Haitian first name from his German father. He doesn't ask them about their religion; he asks them about their pain.

"Catholics and Protestants and other religions are praying together now," Alexander says, as two tearful women slump over his thick, broad shoulders. "We are saying, 'We love Jesus; we don't care about religions. We just care about the Lord.' " He has tried to teach his followers this lesson for years but did not always succeed in changing the minds of parishioners who thought their religion was better or truer than others. The quake, he says, has done much to convince those he could not.

As it often can be with faith, there are doubts to overcome. Some parishioners want to blame the devil, or take responsibility themselves because they have sinned. Some think God has abandoned them.

"This is not the will of the Lord," Alexander tells the two women, sisters who lost their mother and one of their children, a 1 1/2 -year-old, in the quake. "Don't put this blame on the back of anyone. Don't put it on yourself."

Like almost everyone here, the woe is personal for Alexander, who is wearing sandals, almost as if to defy the dangerous pieces of glass, jagged metal and concrete that litter the sidewalk outside his church and befoul his courtyard. Beneath the broken remnants of his rectory are the bodies of

at least 20 church members he must mourn alongside their friends and relatives.

A woman whose relative is now entombed there quietly prays, with arms spread out toward a statue of the Virgin Mary. Some of the grieving have wrestled with guilt about having survived while their loved ones died, but Alexander assures them that "it is not because God loves one person more than another."

Alexander, 40, grew up in this church, first as a vicar and for the past seven months as its principal priest. He is himself pondering basic questions. He has spoken so many times of "original sin," but the quake has led him to what he calls "a discovery," reinforcing his belief that "God created us to be good." The neighbors he sees helping one another -- carting debris, digging for survivors, patching wounds both physical and psychological -- confirmed it for him. That sense of fundamental goodness is what rankles the priests gathered at Sacre Coeur about comments such as those by American televangelist Pat Robertson, who suggested that the earthquake was a punishment for Haitians aligning themselves, at times, with the devil. When Catholic priest Arsene Jasmin heard that, he was enraged. Jasmin, a Haitian who is a priest at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Church in the District, arrived in Port-au-Prince for a visit the day before the earthquake.

"I get mad when I hear that Haiti is somehow being punished," he says. "It's unacceptable and wrong."

Jasmin gathered Friday night in a nearby building with 100 worshipers for three hours of prayer and song. His friend, Alexander, has no church anymore -- the building that once received 3,000 worshipers for five Sunday services is a wreck. But Alexander says he will celebrate Mass outside a nearby house Sunday anyway, and he expects hundreds, if not thousands, to come.

### **Salvation under the skies**

For others, especially those stuck in place because they have no way to travel around the city, places such as Jeremy Square will be their makeshift churches, as they have been each night. Roche, the Catholic woman who fears her husband is dead, sleeps and worships in the square, squeezed into a row of 25 men, women and children -- one of at least 60 tightly packed rows along the slope pavement of the square.

Just a few steps from Roche's thin, white blanket, Primrose Toussaint, a fervent Pentecostal believer drenched in sweat, waves her arms in the air.

"Even if I die, I die with Jesus," she calls out to no one in particular. "God bless this country. God bless these people."

She has no home, and almost all her meager possessions are gone, but she says, "I don't feel like I am in trouble. Without Jesus, I would be in trouble."

The children sleep while Roche and Toussaint sing in voices fast growing hoarse from hours of hymns. A chorus builds behind them.

"If you believe in God, salvation is sure," the voices sing as one. "Oh God, open the way."

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

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He has his point of view , he states:

"My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the ma challenge to the original monogyny."

He see's polygyny and polygamy as sinful, such are his religious views, many christians fe same as him.

But Ausar had two wives in some of the stories Adam has two wives in some of those stor Shango has two wives in some stories.

Because a people have monogamy at a early state in their becoming a tribe and grow later become a nation andsee a need to change for whatever reasonisnt sin..... .. Its their prer to ensure their continuity as they see fit.

The mythes usually start with not a monogamy but sometimes a androgyny or a One.

Also there is a bitter and Great difference between female and male circumcision practices pre-islamic Africa and infibulation only evidence from the time ofislamic invasion of Afri into present times.

African female circumcision in ethiopia(maybe oldest practiced in Africa) is the removal c hood and some culturesremove tip of clitoris.

No excision of clitorisewing up of the labia so only a straw can pass thru a opening for urination.

A man can have foreskin removed and with some cultures a length long slit is cut in the underside of the penis.

seems to me the author is prejudicial toward a idea and not open to other ways of thinking and understanding people, what God is sinning people he slanders?.

There is nothing wrong with a thing being cultural and men or women changing to face necessary political/ecological/philosophical assaults on their way of life.

Women change as time and political demands also.

It is only the author's opinion that proverbs don't have the weight of myth, his opinion is noted, and it is not mine not necessarily in every comparison. Proverbs can be much more weightier than some Old first myths as they are living myths and not necessarily speculative philosophy and or earth science's.

I don't say polygyny and/or polygamy only, I love monogamy also as well as celibacy.

We (rebuilders of ancient Khamit/ Africa) need a complete toolbox to rebuild our home.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

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Polygyny in Africa:

A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality

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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminates against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through

education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"(1) thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."(2)

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a

time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From *Death and the Creator*, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds... Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girls four white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun

(husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...]during the night Moon[...]had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar" s body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...]... Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[....]." (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshiping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called him Sekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[.... . ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original

humans' *modus vivendi*.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the *muntu* or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

## II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an *ad verecundiam* argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

## III. Polygyny as an Evil

### A. Polygyny as "Male"s Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism... It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women's sexuality or infidelity.

### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality", wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problem the male infidelity by creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2)



to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

#### IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

##### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

##### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

### C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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### Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.

2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111

3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God... Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.

4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."

5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M... 58, has been reprinted in *Basic Documents Supplement to International Law* 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.

6. Mandela's speech was entitled, "Today and Tomorrow Towards the Women's Rights Charter," November 1990... Quoted by S. Clarke, 1993, p. 37.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Sat, January 16, 2010 7:18:41 PM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

Thank you that very iluminating and level-headed input. Much ppreciated.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: sami\_ra\_maati@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 12:06:19 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in america, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional european based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional Afrikan cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional Afrikan cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when

discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.

2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.

3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community...

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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| 31442|2010-01-17 19:11:21|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fw: Tafari/The African Origins of Voodoo|  
Hello Tafari,

this is wonderful and very accurate critique of the "babel story" and chattel slavery...short, but good with regard to the centuries it took to place us in an enforced ignorant position. Thanks for the link, if you have any other links to articles on Voudoun I would like to know about them.

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Check out YouTube - The African Origins of Voodoo

To: maatcollective@yahogroups.com

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 9:32 AM

In light of the attention given to Haiti i thought a lil expo on Voodun would be appropriate ,I know most americans and most especially the blacks of america see this as pscho-babble but its strange that many white professors of pyschology and andropology ,sociology,and arthave a great appreciation for theAfrican ancestral way of life.

My knowledge and belief see's this way of living as a window into Ancient Egypt and the path o  
Ausar/Ra .

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## VOODOO DOLLS

The whole of Voodun society is about healing; the use of the torched one statue at the entrance to voodun villages nails hammered into its body was a way thru sympathetic magic/psychology to lead disease and all matters of vice out from the people a method of depositing filth outside the wholsomeness of the village/city- state.

The use of carving mandrake and making likeness's (ushabiti) of patients and activating

meridians wekedu/energy passages for healing fell from its use in everyday African life to a malicious necessity with the Arab, Portuguese, Spanish English etc. committed too genocidal war on Africa.

A practice similar to acupuncture from China was used by voodoo healers it was more like melanian tattooing but unique to the African since it was only done by very advanced masters who actually used their blood in the needling or scarification hence the root of the modern vaccination technique.

This method due to the need of the High spiritual advance state of the Sramani/Hogon took the healing act out of the hands of a low initiate or immoral person but what happened during the slave trade is the knowledge passed down was left in the hands of the diaspora left among people that the slave traders made sure they could not talk among each other (Babel story) and killed all that had a distinguished unbending character of righteousness and justice. young and neophytes left to remembering their ancestral ways took to killing and socially, physically making illness for their masters fell to the two-edged sword of filthiness begetting filthiness as they did not have a initiation system raising themselves up from their animal nature/human nature so as not to become a killer of evil using evil becoming Evil., using figurines and condombles'.

How maniacal and Sinister to give those who are creating great fear and worry in you (plantation owners) a religion that allows no initiation; (moral making system)

just say some words and the plantation owner and/or slave is forgiven for any sin.....

this christian system fostered by ricebowl negro preachers has left the children of Ole Africa in a state of spiritual degradation and stagnation at its best.

The slave forgives the plantation owner instead of demanding justice and the plantation owner is forgiven for his sins against the slave by saying words to a false legend..... Unless he/Masser was a high freemason and then he knew he was martyring his life for to give his progeny a foot up in the world .

A foot up of great wealth and innocent ignorance, In christian bliss blind to the foundation of Seth/Typhoon they have inherited.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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| 31443|2010-01-17 20:40:53|shirley parker|Re: Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the Jesus conspiracy|

so you are saying this guy was the first great teacher and not some savior? Was he African or what?

thanks sappie1952



**sin:** "to miss the point of human existence"

--- On **Sun, 12/6/09, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the jesus conspiracy

To: maatcollective@yahooogroups.com

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009, 9:49 PM

**As soon as Jesus was put in the place of Apollonius, the task of the Roman churchmen to destroy all records concerning Apollonius and his Essenian Early Christian follow during the first three centuries, so that the world might forever be kept in darkness concerning this colossal deception and be made to believe that Jesus and the Christian religion, which they originated at the beginning of the Fourth Century A.D., antedated their creation by three centuries.**

**It was for this reason that the Alexandrian and other ancient libraries were burnt, so all books written during and pertaining to the first three centuries of our Common Era might be destroyed. [Comment: The Library at Alexandria was burnt on several occasions both by arson and by accident. The burning referred to above occurred in the year 390 during the reign of Emperor Theodosius I. Please see "Emperor Theodosius, Pope Honorius I."]**

**And so well did the churchmen succeed in obliterating such records that, for nearly two thousand years, the world has been kept in darkness concerning the fact that Apollonius of Tyana was the recognized world teacher of the First Century, and that during the first three centuries, before he was created at the Council of Nicaea, as an alternative to Apollonius, no such man as Jesus Christ was known to or mentioned by anyone!**

**No greater cultural loss ever occurred than happened when the Christian mob set fire to the books and manuscripts of the Alexandrian Library [in 390 CE], in order to destroy the records of Apollonius of Tyana, so that the world might forever be ignorant of his existence and of his replacement by the previously non-existent and unknown Jesus, which occurred at the Council of Nicaea in the year 325 A.D.**

**But fortunately, a certain book survived - the FORBIDDEN BOOK - of all books in that great library - that was most feared. It was THE LIFE OF APOLLONIUS OF TYANA by his biographer Philostratus.**

<http://home.iae.nl/users/lightnet/religion/apollonius.htm>

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Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

tua/thanks for e- mails and info on this subject

| 31444|2010-01-18 04:12:34|shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net|Re: Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post|

Likewise, Anyone, or any system, or any culture, that takes away equal rights from women is filth to me.

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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**From:** Tafari khumbaka

**Date:** Sun, 17 Jan 2010 19:06:24 -0800 (PST)

**To:**

**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

Anyone who insults and defiles the Ancient mothers and fathers the sages and pass masters/my Spirit ancestors by calling them sinners is filth to me. White woman/man or melinated Black,brown, yellow,red, my person has No disires to contact the author.(oracular consultation withstanding)



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On Sun, 1/17/10, shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net wrote:

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Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

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The author left his email address, maybe he can be contacted to share your views with him.

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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**From:** Tafari khumbaka

**Date:** Sat, 16 Jan 2010 20:45:59 -0800 (PST)

**To:**

**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

He has his point of view , he states:

"My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the ma challenge to the original monogyny."

He sees polygyny and polygamy as sinful, such are his religious views, many Christians feel the same as him.

But Adam had two wives in some of the stories. Adam has two wives in some of those stories, Shango has two wives in some stories.

Because a people have monogamy at an early state in their becoming a tribe and grow later to become a nation and see a need to change for whatever reason isn't sin..... Its their prerogative to ensure their continuity as they see fit.

The myths usually start with not a monogamy but sometimes an androgyny or a One.

Also there is a bitter and Great difference between female and male circumcision practiced in pre-Islamic Africa and infibulation only evidence from the time of Islamic invasion of Africa and into present times.

African female circumcision in Ethiopia (maybe oldest practiced in Africa) is the removal of the hood and some cultures remove tip of clitoris.

No excision of clitoris sewing up of the labia so only a straw can pass thru a opening for urination.

A man can have foreskin removed and with some cultures a length long slit is cut in the underside of the penis.

Seems to me the author is prejudicial toward an idea and not open to other ways of thinking and understanding people, what God is sinning people he slanders?.

There is nothing wrong with a thing being cultural and men or women changing to face necessary political/ecological/philosophical assaults on their way of life.

Women change as time and political demands also.

Its only the authors opinion that proverbs dont have the weight of myth, his opinion is noted, and its not mine not necessarily in every comparison. Proverbs can be much more weightier than some Old first myths as they are living myths and not necessarily speculative philosophy and or earth science's.

I dont say polygyny and/or polygamy only, I love monogamy also as well as celibacy.

We (rebuilders of ancient Khamit/ Africa) need a complete toolbox to rebuild our home.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep  
 Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post  
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**Polygyny in Africa:**

**A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality**

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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"(1) thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."(2)

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had

called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds... Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girls four white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...] during the night Moon [...] had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar's body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...] Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[....]. " (Ibid.,

pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshiping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called him Sekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[... . . ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original humans' *modus vivendi*.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth

or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

## II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)



Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an *ad verecundiam* argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male"s Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism... It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women's sexuality or infidelity.

#### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality" , wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some

polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problem—the male infidelity—by creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

#### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

#### IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

##### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

##### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

### C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal

practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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## Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.
2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God... Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.
4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."
5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M... 58, has been reprinted in *Basic Documents Supplement to International Law* 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.
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**From:** Peter Gray  
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Thank you that very illuminating and level-headed input. Much appreciated.

Peter

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I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Africa and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional African cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional African cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if

it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community...

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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Lady Wise Owl,

Here is the link to Khemetic Science Temple:

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Peace-n-Blessings,

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Thank you so much for this I will be waiting for your post on the site because im most interested in knowing about OUR culture not the eurocentric influenced culture imposed upon our ppl by their invaders.

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Sis Sekhmet Lady Wise Owl,

You are more than welcome, I am glad this article helps shed light on the subject. Credit really goes to a Sister named Earth, administrator of the Kemetic Science Temple social network. I would like to post a link for the network, but I away from home at moment. It will be posted later today. Her network provides great information on how we can keep Kemetic Culture alive.

Peace

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Excellent paper, Shri ...thanks for sharing.  
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Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupi  
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Polygyny in Africa:  
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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical

beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"(1) thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."(2)

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds.. Sa,

who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girls four white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...] during the night Moon [...] had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar's body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...].. Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with

Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]." (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshipping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called him Sekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[... . ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original humans' *modus vivendi*.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should

be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

#### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

#### II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an *ad verecundiam* argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male's Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the



original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism.. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women's sexuality or infidelity.

#### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality" , wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problem the male infidelity by creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

#### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

#### IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny



As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

#### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

#### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition.

One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

### C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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## Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.
2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God.. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.
4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."
5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M.. 58, has been reprinted in Basic Documents Supplement to International Law 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.
6. Mandela's speech was entitled, "Today and Tomorrow Towards the Women's Rights Charter," November 1990.. Quoted by S. Clarke, 1993, p. 37.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
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Thank you that very illuminating and level-headed input. Much appreciated.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about marriage and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European bourgeois culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional African cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional African cultures. They made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in wars or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it plays a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. /

it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, and that's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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| 31446|2010-01-18 05:25:34|zeecharan|FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for |  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ginkARhgvE>

This 20 sec youtube clip was sent to me, if it's genuine then it's clearest depiction of colonial mentality and shows just how important this listserve is.

The Haitian consul I sounding just like a redneck slaveowner blaming Haitians - black ones for the earthquake.

Reminds me of the contempt light skinned 'I'm not black I'm european' Jamaicans had for the problems faced by the african JA diaspora in racist UK back in the day.

zeech (mixed but not confused)

| 31447|2010-01-18 09:16:31|Manu Ampim|The Revolutionary Dr. King|

For more than 20 years, I have argued that Dr. King is the most misrepresented and misunderstood figure in U.S. history. He has been systematically reduced from one of the most important political activists of our era to simply an abstract and naive "dreamer." Most people have not read \*any\* of Dr. King's books or essays, and thus I continue to present my primary research on MLK to challenge the gross distortions of his political legacy. Now is the time to stop the spread of ignorance about King.

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"Primary Research is the greatest weapon against the distortion of African history and culture." - MA

| 31448|2010-01-18 09:48:14|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post| Thank you!

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Lady Wise Owl,

Here is the link to Khemetic Science Temple:

[KhemeticScience.ning.com](http://KhemeticScience.ning.com)

Peace-n-Blessings,

Shri Sa Hetep

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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**From:** "Li (wiseladyowl)"

**Date:** Sun, 17 Jan 2010 11:30:18 -0800 (PST)

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**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

Thank you so much for this I will be waiting for your post on the site because im most interested

in knowing about OUR culture not the eurocentric influenced culture imposed upon our ppl by their invaders.

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Sis Sekhmet Lady Wise Owl,

You are more than welcome, I am glad this article helps shed light on the subject. Credit really goes to a Sister named Earth, administrator of the Kemetic Science Temple social network. I would like to post a link for the network, but I away from home at moment. It will be posted later today. Her network provides great information on how we can keep Kemetic Culture alive.

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Excellent paper, Shri ...thanks for sharing.  
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Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Polygyny in Africa:  
A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and  
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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"(1) thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."(2)

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

### I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he

who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds.. Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girlsfour white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In The Pitcher and the Basket, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original

(divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...]during the night Moon[...]had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar" s body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...].. Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]." (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshipping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called himSekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[... . ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original humans'modus vivendi.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.(3) This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that

for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

## II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an *ad verecundiam* argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male"s Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism.. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women"s



sexuality or infidelity.

### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality" , wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problemthe male infidelityby creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man"s sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

## IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community"s law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination



against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

#### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

#### C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but

should also be a nonsexist state

2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.

3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.

4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.

5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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## Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.

2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111

3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is

not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God.. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.

4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."

5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M.. 58, has been reprinted in Basic Documents Supplement to International Law 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.

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Thank you that very iluminating and level-headed input. Much ppreciated.

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I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about marriage and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional Afrikan cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional Afrikan cultures. They made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in wars or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it plays a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. If it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here) the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend.

could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.

2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.

3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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| 31449|2010-01-18 09:48:36|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans |

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Ladeeowl

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

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zeech (mixed but not confused)

| 31450|2010-01-18 14:20:30|Shri Sa Hetep|Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans |

That is like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust. Jews did not leave their religion and/or spiritual practices behind after their tragedy, why should Haitians? I only hope Haitians come back a success, just like the Jewish people did.

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**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

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| 31451|2010-01-18 15:00:02|shirley parker|Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans |

This is appauling..who is this jerk? I would love to see an earthquake hit where he lives and hear his reasoning behind that!

~shirley~

**sin:** "to miss the point of human existence"

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| 31452|2010-01-18 15:55:45|shirley parker|Re: good sheperd|  
amazing how all of this is kept under wraps.....thanks Tafari.  
~shirley~

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From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] good sheperd  
To: maatcollective@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009, 9:51 PM



the good sheperd found in roman catacombs





samson and the lion



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

| 31453|2010-01-19 09:41:19|Manu Ampim|Re: Donate to red cross? NO!|

There is no doubt that the records of both the Red Cross and Yele are shaky at best.

Most Black activists in the SF/Oakland Bay Area have donated to either the **Haiti Emergency Relief Fund**

<http://www.haitiaction.net/About/HERF/HERF.html>

or

The **Haiti Support Project**

<http://www.ibw21.org/>

Here is the next large community event:

POCC and Haiti Action Committee presents

Haiti Relief Update Event - On Sunday, Jan. 24th at 7pm at the Black Dot Cafe, 1195 Pine St. in West Oakland

Pierre Labossierre, the cofounder of the Haiti Action Committee, will be giving the people an update on history, what is happening on the ground in Haiti, and what is most urgently needed during the recovery period.

Please bring medical supplies and clothes. Financial proceeds will go to the Block Report Radio show/ The SF BayView Newspaper putting a media and medical team on the ground in Haiti within the coming weeks.

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Advancing the work,  
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"...or you refrain from spreading DISinformation. ."

Hello Ginger,

the article isn't false, and I have no great love for the Red Cross managers and their theft of donations which is WELL documented.. .been there, even lived next door to a corporate office which was a joke IMO. I worked with the R C volunteers on occasions and they were sincere in wanting to help disaster victims, but got stabbed in the back by their own corporate managers and "start up" swindlers claiming to be "Red Cross volunteers" or "victims" themselves.

Nope, haven't been to NOLA lately, but I know those folks are still suffering from the LACK of response viewed around the globe...most embarrassing to me as a healthcare worker, but not a "surprise" really. It IS the South still, and the mind-set hasn't changed much at all from the days of slavery IMO.

To return to "DISinformation" regarding Haiti...those folks have NO information coming in at all because they have no electricity, and no fuel/travel. ...ala NOLA and Mississippi who seldom

gets mentioned in the media, because only the poor were MOST effected.

"...questioning my intentions in regard to this article..."

I am not questioning your intentions about this or any other articles you send, and you can of course advise others not to donate to the Red Cross at all....no problem with me. But in your original post you didn't give an alternative group to send money to and those people need help now, ...  
but thanks for the reply.

Sekhmet

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| 31454|2010-01-19 10:57:08|cristofori whitakara|Re: Cristofori/old nubia|  
coming from a military family i have a problem with nationality because we quickly join the military forces blindly blowing up our stuff because they ordered to do so. i get the fiercest arguments from relatives about my opinions of joining the armed forces.

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 7:14 PM

"...Marcus Garvey....an African army..."

Hello Cristofori.. .

yeah...(((heavy sigh)))...and not just Garvey, but every other black male/female leader trying to get or maintain support and knowledge of other black people(s). I may still have an article I sent to another forum about Haile Selassie during WW II. It is disturbing how folks come together to destroy any Africans throughout history....

Sekhmet

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From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 2:16 PM

everytime an african is attacked i think of marcus garvey. i think he spoke of a an african military force to protect africans and things african?

--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 1:46 PM

Hello Cristofori,

I am constantly amazed at the mistreatment of black Africans and Africa itself at the hands of descendants of the Greco-Roman Empire (((shaking my head))). I wrote to the U.S. diplomatic core about building the dam without regard to the people living there, and any archaeological history that would be lost under tons of water!!! Guess my words fell on deaf ears....again, because it was just a bunch of black folks becoming homeless and without proof of any history from the ancient past (((heavy sigh))).

Thanks for the link, read copy below to clearly understand the above comments..-Sekhmet

### **SOS Save the Nubians : The Nubian Tsunami**

The Nubian who strived hard over several centuries to maintain identity, culture and heritage as descendents of great African Civilizations are always subject to well orchestrated , manipulated and systematic ethnic cleansing. This cleansing process took different shapes: -inundation of Nubian land "Aswan Dam High DamMeroi Dam", deprivation from all central governments care (no Medicare or education), marginalization (overlooking of Nubians as active and existing minority) and make their land as such rejecting to force Nubians to abandon it

Since the construction of the High Dam in 1964, the Nubians have sacrificed their heritage and land for the welfare of Egypt and Sudan. The Nubians were dispersed all over the Sudan and Egypt as well as in many countries around the globe. Some who strived and struggled to return to the shores of Lake Nubian have made the resurrection of Wade Half a forced reality.

Those who were forcefully relocated in Butana plains in eastern Sudan suffered as the New Halfa Project collapsed gradually for many reasons of mismanagement, poor drainage, and invasion of shrubs and weeds. Now most of them are scattered all over the outskirts of Sudanese towns and cities. The whole Nubian land in Wadi Halfa, Sikkout and Mahas have suffered from marginalization , overlooking and neglect. In spite of the suffering the Nubians did not spare an opportunity or an effort to reconstruct the land of their ancestors and have submitted several proposals to the authorities which were , unfortunately, ignored.

On the other hand several of those who were relocated (e.g. those from Argin ) have returned in large numbers and tried hard to establish a decent life on the western shores of the Nile where old Argin existed. They built houses and developed a number of agricultural projects on their own initiatives without any support from the government of Sudan. Instead of helping Nubian people, by rebuilding Wadi Halfa and supporting Argin projects, the government decided to sell 6.1 million feddans( 1.6 m announced to fake reality) of the Nubian land to Egypt for irrigation with waters extracted from the Nubian Aquifer . All this took place in full exclusion of the Nubians who have in the past built a civilization which is still echoing its flavour and pride all over the world.

The Nubians as one of several other marginalized and overlooked indigenous minorities of Sudan hoped, while Sudan is advancing towards the dawn Peace following the sign of Peace at Nivasha (Kenya between Government of Sudan and the SPLA/M of South Sudan), that the government would have handled this matter with what it deserves from transparency and have strived to allow the Sudanese people in general and the Nubians in particular to participate in shaping their future in a participatory fashion. Alternatively what is happening is that such important decisions as using the water from the Nubian Aquifer and land are being handled in secrecy and without the involvement of the people who own this wealth historically. Several of the members of the ruling party has been allocated hundreds of thousands of feddans from Nubian land for their own use and benefit!!

We plead to the international community to share with the Nubians the concern that these resources are not only for the Nubians but for all the future generations of the Sudan in the south, the north, the west and the east. The Nubian Aquifer is the natural reservoir of water supplies for coming generations of the Sudanese. It is worth noting also that the current century have been declared the "water century " pointing to the importance of judicial and wise use of this precious resource in a sustainable way. This is a calamity that exceeds all sufferings the Nubians went through in their history and could be compared in its damaging scale and magnitude to the recent Tsunami crisis in the Far East and South Asia waters.. .

In consideration of the above the Nubian voice their strong objection to what is being done in breach and violation of the right of Nubians in their lands and ground water. Indeed, the Nubians support proper investment and prosperity of the people living in the Nile Valley . However, this investment should observe the legal and historic rights of the Nubian People who live in these areas As well as the concerns of the future generations of the whole Sudanese People. We appeal to the free and concerned world to address the Government of Sudan to:

1. to develop a legal document which conserves the common property rights of the Nubian People to the water and land resources in this area
2. To speed up the formation of the Land Authority in the Northern State . The Authority should be given legal jurisdictions for any investment in the area
3. Provide enough water for the agricultural schemes in the Nubian Lands from Wadi Halfa to Dongola
4. To establish Authority for the development of all Agricultural Schemes in the Northern States. This authority should be the only legal body with jurisdiction over any future use of land and water resources in Nubian Land. The authority should have the power to oversee and provide governance to all investment and development issues related to irrigation, cropping and natural resource management. All private and public investors should get permission to undertake any development activities from this agency

My goodness; shades of Katrina just keep rearing it's ugly head....now what about Haiti?  
Sekhmet

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<http://www.thenubia n.net/nubold. php>

| 31455|2010-01-19 11:59:09|hebrew b'yisrael|Fw: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General  
blames voodoo and "cursed"|

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You will learn a lot in 20 seconds...

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| 31456|2010-01-19 12:00:12|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the  
jesus conspiracy|

"...Was he African..."

Hello Shirley,

from the link provided, the statue head looks European.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sun, 1/17/10, shirley parker** wrote:

From: shirley parker  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the jesus conspiracy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2010, 10:39 PM

so you are saying this guy was the first great teacher and not some savior? Was he african or what?  
thanks sappie1952

**sin: "to miss the point of human existence"**

--- On **Sun, 12/6/09, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the jesus conspiracy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009, 9:49 PM

**As soon as Jesus was put in the place of Apollonius, the task of the Roman churchmen was to destroy all records concerning Apollonius and his Essenian Early Christian followers during the first three centuries, so that the world might forever be kept in darkness concerning this colossal deception and be made to believe that Jesus and the Christian religion, which they originated at the beginning of the Fourth Century A.D., antedated their creation by three centuries.**

**It was for this reason that the Alexandrian and other ancient libraries were burnt, so that all books written during and pertaining to the first three centuries of our Common Era might be destroyed. [Comment: The Library at Alexandria was burnt on several occasions, both by arson and by accident. The burning referred to above occurred in the year 389 CE during the reign of Emperor Theodosius I. Please see "Emperor Theodosius, Pope Hitler I."]**

**And so well did the churchmen succeed in obliterating such records that, for nearly two thousand years, the world has been kept in darkness concerning the fact that Apollonius of Tyana was the recognized world teacher of the First Century, and that during the first three centuries, before he was created at the Council of Nicaea, as an alternative Messiah to Apollonius, no such man as Jesus Christ was known to or mentioned by anyone!**

**No greater cultural loss ever occurred than happened when the Christian mob set fire to the books and manuscripts of the Alexandrian Library [in 389 CE], in order to destroy all**

records of Apollonius of Tyana, so that the world might forever be ignorant of his existence and of his replacement by the previously non-existent and unknown Jesus, which occurred at the Council of Nicaea in the year 325 A.D.

But fortunately, a certain book survived - the **FORBIDDEN BOOK** - of all books in that great library - that was most feared. It was **THE LIFE OF APOLLONIUS OF TYANA**, by his biographer Philostratus.

<http://home.iae.nl/users/lightnet/religion/apollonius.htm>

click above



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

tua/thanks for e- mails and info on this subject

| 31457|2010-01-19 12:00:57|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Congo's Forgotten 14 Years|

From: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Subject: Boise Weekly: Recommended article from Sekhmet

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 2:19 PM

"Congo's Forgotten 14 Years"

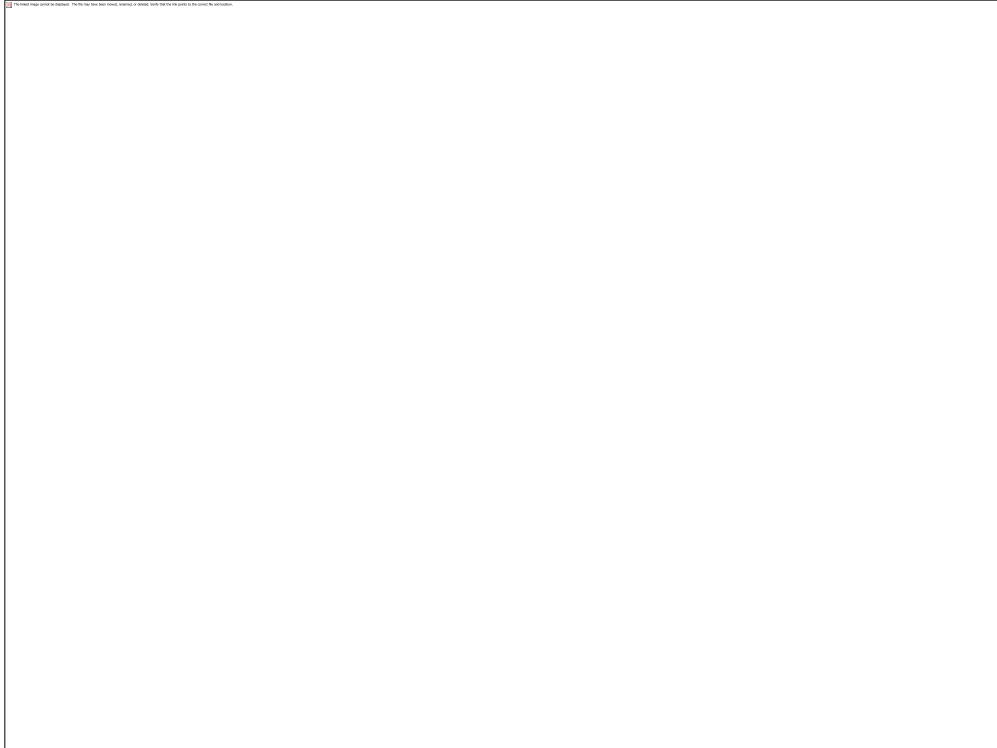
<http://www.boiseweekly.com/TheGrip/archives/2010/01/15/congos-forgotten-for-14-years>

Well, I haven't forgotten the Congo and other parts of Africa in conflict....with men using their penis as a weapon on African women and children, then to sit down and literally cannabilize the victims! Please remind me what "Afrikan" tradition is that again, where the biggest enemy is the women in your own or the nextvillage. Just sounds like "domestic abuse" to me..-Sekhmet

**Congo's Forgotten 14 Years**

Posted by [FBM Fidel Nshombo](#) on Fri, Jan 15, 2010 at 3:47 PM

It's been given a deaf ear. No one really talks about it; for the most part, you will hear people talking about the genocide in Rwanda and Darfur. But what has been happening in the Democratic Republic of Congo for the past 14 years has been horrible.



- Studio Photo Baby
- Bukavu Dem. Rep. of Congo. In this photo are my sisters and aunties with their children

I was just reading this article by Eve Ensler entitled ["The Four Months Since Hillary ."](#)

I wept, not because I was surprised at the extreme of things that are happening, because I witnessed them myself. I wept because of the time that it has been going on while no one seems to care. The length of time that these women have been going through repeated gang rapes while no one seems to know about it. And that reality makes me question whether the tension that the genocide in Rwanda and Darfur arose was due to its intensity or driven by something else.

I really love and support the campaign raising awareness about genocide in Darfur and would bet all to see unity in Rwanda as my Africa needs to come together. But it is shocking to know that over 5 million people have died in the Congo since 1996, six times more than the genocide in Rwanda and Darfur but only a tenth of the world knows about it.

In the article, Eve describes the condition of these raped victims and it was too disturbing to me and I know it would be the same to others that still have relatives in the province of South Kivu. I know I still have more relatives in Bukavu and who knows if they are not among these victims?

With a deaf ear given to this conflict, rape has taken the highest toll in this province and risen even over death and other violence. Most victims



of the war to end dictatorship become women: Our Mothers, Our Sisters, Our Aunties and Daughters.

My mother recently rescued my younger sister out of Bukavu due to this threat, and now she is living safe in Kampala together with my other younger siblings, but still I have three big sisters that I know are still scattered in South Kivu and Kisangani. One of them was a victim in 1999.

It would be so helpful if the world would start talking and putting some endeavors to help stop this at once. At least put it out there people, to acknowledge how important it is to help end this war that has claimed more lives than any other war since World War II.

Please read this article ["Four Months Since Hillary "](#) and understand what still going on in the Congo.

Eve Ensler

Author of The Vagina Monologues Posted: December 29, 2009 05:12 PM

#### The Four Months Since Hillary

I have been in Bukavu, Democratic Republic of Congo for the month of December. Christmas at Panzi Hospital was overflowing with raped and tortured women. Many young girls, several under 14, carrying babies. Every day at least 13 new women arrive seeking care to repair the damage done to their bodies from the rapes and sexual torture.

Since Secretary Clinton's wildly publicized and celebrated visit in August, since the UN's report of success for the Kimia II military operation, since the international community in theory woke up to horrors of the merciless economic war in the Congo, the war rages on and takes its toll. I know because I sat with women who live in the bush, many of whom have now been raped two or three times. I sat holding them as their bodies shook uncontrollably, as they leaked urine from fistula, as they compulsively wrung their hands and hid their faces behind their *panges* and rocked and cried out to God as they told me their stories:

Ntalwinja, who is 50, from Kalehe was raped by the Interhamwe (former Rwandan Genocidaires) in front of her husband, tied to him and their goats and dragged for 12 hours, held as a sex slave for days on end, raped over and over. Left near dead in the bush, she finally returned to find her husband ill, his heart destroyed from what he had witnessed.

Masaura, who was selling fried fish and not a good runner, was grabbed and raped by three Interhamwe soldiers, taking turns and repeating. Finally crawling home, her husband, a gold miner, who had heard she

was raped, expelled her and rejected his children because she was pregnant with her rapists' baby.

Mwamirindi was held as a sex slave and pieces of her flesh were cut every few days. She was raped for months and watched them rape her sister in law who they killed and cut open and served for dinner and then when Mwamirindi finally escaped and returned home, she was expelled by her husband who sold her land and house and threw her and her children into the street. Now she is three months pregnant with a baby from the rapes.

Julian, 45, was raped after the Interhamwe broke into her house in the middle of the night and shot her husband and tried to force her son to rape her. When he refused, they shot him, then took her two daughters into the night and she went screaming after them and has never found them and has lost her way.

Ange who was 16 and grabbed by Rwandan soldiers and raped and raped, her insides destroyed...

These horrific acts and thousands more happened in the four months since Secretary Clinton promised action and money, the UN promised protection and claimed it delivered it, and the international community approved their plan. All this happened under the watch of an American President, a Nobel Peace Prize Winner, who has yet to make the destruction of the female species of the Congo anything more than a one-line reference in a speech. As this femicide is spreading to other countries and will continue to spread if he does not make this a front and center issue. In the months where the minerals of the Congo continue to be exploited by the world, where the surrounding countries of Rwanda, Uganda and Burundi have yet to be held accountable for waging a regional war in the Congo for those minerals.

Over twelve years, this war, this brutally inconceivable violence has raged on. Almost six million dead. Almost 500 thousand raped. You tell the story of horror and atrocity one too many times and then you realize nothing is changing and that the world goes on getting its minerals, supporting its luxuries and the death, massacres rapes and tortures of millions do not matter. And then you can't find a real reason for wanting to live in humanity or be part of this world but you don't want to kill yourself so you start screaming out, screaming and screaming out and then you get called intense, angry and then mad. Because that is what people who have crossed over get called.

At what point are we all going to cross over?  
(To view the article, please click the above link.)

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 10:45 AM

Nope,...they don't "get it" because they don't have a vagina or womb to protect and secure.

This article is from a blogsite on altnet and very good observation of womensgender specific issues in a disaster.I didn't mess with any of the donation links, but I am not endorsing/encouraging them either; I just didn't want to mess up the entire article by removing them. -Sekhmet

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Sexist Backlash Against Gender-Responsive Aid in Haiti Shows Some Men Really Don't Get It

<http://www.altnet.org/blogs/peek/145233>

**Posted by Lucinda Marshall, [RH Reality Check](#) at 7:34 AM on January 18, 2010.**

News flash: In addition to food, water, shelter, and medical care, there are needs that are specific to women, particularly pregnant women and new mothers.

In Haiti, as is always true in the aftermath of a major disaster, in addition to the urgent need for what we traditionally consider the pillars of immediate aid -- food, water, shelter, medical care -- there are needs that are specific to women, particularly for pregnant women and mothers with new babies and the need to address the added vulnerability to violence that women face when government infrastructures are dysfunctional.

According to the [International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women \(UN-INSTRAW\)](#) and the [United Nations Population Fund \(UNFPA\)](#):

(W)omen of reproductive age face limitations in accessing pre-natal and post-natal care, as well as greater risk of vaginal infections, pregnancy complications including spontaneous abortion, unplanned pregnancy, and post-traumatic stress. An increase in violence against women was also recorded

(I)n natural disaster situations and in post-disaster recuperation, the cases of violence may increase. "Given the stress that this situation caused and the life in the refugees, men attacked women more frequently.

Additionally as the [Mindanao Commission on Women and Mothers for Peace Movement](#) points out:

women suffer most from the impact of climate change

and natural disasters because of discrimination and poverty. The same happened to women victims of Hurricane Katrina and the 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami as documented in a report on "Gender and Climate Change."

**Tracy Clark-Flory** addresses these issues relative to providing aid in Haiti in a piece on [Salon's Broadsheet](#):

It isn't just that women often require special care and resources post-disaster; human rights organizations say that they could also play a critical role in distributing much-needed aid. Women "are central actors in family and community life," says Enarson, and are more likely to know "who in the neighborhood most needs help -- where the single mothers, women with disabilities, widows and the poorest of the poor live." Diana Duarte, a spokesperson for [MADRE](#), an international women's rights organization that has joined the relief effort, put it this way: "Women are often more integrated and more aware of the vulnerabilities of their communities." Even beyond the initial emergency response, there lies a long road to recovery that holds other unique challenges for women and girls. They are "at increased risk of gender-based violence, especially domestic violence and rape but also forced marriage at earlier ages" due to their increased dependence on men for protection and support, says Enarson. After a disaster of this magnitude, there will also be scores of "newly disabled, widowed or homeless women" in need of help. MADRE's Duarte points out that women's generally higher "level of poverty negatively effects their ability to access resources to rebuild."

Clark-Flory also points to the work of the **Gender and Disaster Network** which calls for a **gender-responsive approach** to aid in Haiti and has a wealth of resources on the topic [here](#).

[Madre's Marie St. Cyr and Yifat Susskind](#) offer this excellent view of what such an approach needs to look like in Haiti,

All Haitians are suffering right now. But, women are often hardest hit when disaster strikes because they were at a deficit even before the catastrophe. In Haiti, and in every country, women are the poorest and often have no safety net, leaving them most exposed to violence, homelessness and hunger in the wake of disasters. Women are also overwhelmingly responsible for other vulnerable people, including infants, children, the elderly, and people who are ill or disabled. Because of their role as caretakers and because of the

discrimination they face, women have a disproportionate need for assistance. Yet, they are often overlooked in large-scale aid operations. In the chaos that follows disasters, aid too often reaches those who yell the loudest or push their way to the front of the line. When aid is distributed through the "head of household" approach, women-headed families may not even be recognized, and women within male-headed families may be marginalized when aid is controlled by male relatives.

It is not enough to ensure that women receive aid.

Women in communities must also be integral to designing and carrying out relief efforts. When relief is distributed by women, it has the best chance of reaching those most in need. That's not because women are morally superior. It is because their roles as caretakers in the community means they know where every family lives, which households have new babies or disabled elders, and how to reach remote communities even in disaster conditions.

Moreover, women in the community have expertise about the specific problems women and their families face during disasters.

Unfortunately, in big relief operations, already-marginalized people are usually the ones who "fall through the cracks."

None of this sits too well with the men's rights movement. Robert Franklin, Esq. has this to say at [Men's News Daily](#):

(A)ccording to Clark-Flory, "women in general will be in need of 'hygiene supplies' Men and boys apparently will not need those things. And "women often require special care and resources post disaster." Men and boys don't need those things either. Is that because men and boys are supermen who don't need help? Or is it because they're less deserving of it than are women and girls?

First of all, the piece did not say that men and boys don't deserve aid, it said that women have some needs that men don't have that also need to be addressed. Secondly (having hopefully given female readers time to pick themselves up off the floor from laughing) -- apparently Mr. Franklin, Esq. does not go to the grocery or drug store very often or he would know that **hygiene** is our oh so clean euphemism for sanitary products -- oh wait, that is a euphemism too -- okay, excuse my indelicacy -- it **means tampons and pads that women use when they MENSTRUATE** (there, I said the word). As a general rule, most of the people who use those products are FEMALE. But if Mr. Franklin, Esq. really feels that he needs them, I'm sure we can send him a box with

explicit instructions on where to shove them.

As for special care, unless men get pregnant and have babies, they probably do not require that assistance either.

Over at [Spearhead](#) (they're not subtle are they?), they also object to Gender and Disaster Network's "Elaine Enarson (probably a Swedish woman)" saying that,

They are "at increased risk of gender-based violence, especially domestic violence and rape but also forced marriage at earlier ages" due to their increased dependence on men for protection and support.

with this,

So now when men provide women with protection and support they are suspected rapists, child molesters and batterers? Are these strange, foreign women more trustworthy than Haitian girls' fathers, brothers and grandfathers? I try to refrain from inserting my opinion when I am writing these news pieces, but Ms. Enarson is making one of the most offensive insinuations possible with the above statement, and she is dead wrong. It is matriarchal societies where women cannot rely on men for support in which women face the most danger.

Really? Name one matriarchal society where this is or was so. And yes, women who are in general more likely to be victims of intimate violence are far more likely to be victimized when they suddenly become more physically vulnerable.

[International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women \(UN-INSTRAW\) and the United Nations Population Fund \(UNFPA\)](#) offer this framework for re-prioritizing the way we offer aid:

In the face of obstacles and the needs that have been identified, the evaluation proposes a series of concrete recommendations, amongst which are to: improve the sexual and reproductive health of women and adolescents in natural disaster situations and in post-disaster recovery; ensure access to contraceptive measures, particularly condoms for the prevention of transmission of HIV; provide post-natal care; medicine to combat infections and post-traumatic stress; provide an adequate response to cases of violence against women, girls and boys; include the provision of health and legal services; and improve the security situation of shelters to prevent cases of abuse of power by guards.

The [UNFPA](#) is currently working to rush maternal health supplies to Haiti.

As [Bill Quigley](#) puts it so eloquently, we need to:

Prioritize humanitarian aid to help women, children and the elderly. They are always moved to the back of the line. *If they are moved to the back of the line, start at the back.*

*(emphasis mine, Sekhmet.)*

There are several organizations that are working to provide aid to meet women's specific needs in Haiti. The women's human rights organization [Madre](#) is,

working to send support to women's human rights defenders. We are hearing reports of a horror that often accompanies disasters like this namely, an upsurge of violence against women. It's critical that women human rights defenders in Haiti have the support they need to help survivors and reach out to women who are trying to keep themselves and their children safe in the chaos that has gripped Port-au-Prince.

You can make a donation to help their efforts [here](#).

In addition, the [U of t Feminist Law Student's Association](#) reports that,

**V-Day** is trying to reach our sisters in Port au Prince who run the V-Day Haiti Sorority Safe House, which provides shelter to women survivors of violence and their children, as well as psychological, legal and medical support. While we have not been able to reach the staff at the Safe House, it is clear that increased help will be needed for women survivors of violence in the aftermath of the earthquake. Reports state that over 50,000 lives have been lost, and that Port Au Prince has been "flattened."

[You can donate to VDay's Haiti Rescue Fund here.](#)

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Tagged as: **women, aid, haiti**

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News flash: In addition to food, water, shelter, and medical care, there are needs that are specific to women, particularly pregnant women and new mothers.

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i would surely understand if she grew up to hate black men.....

[DRC: Annuarite Tagenge: "I spent a year fleeing the LRA"](#)

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AlertNet Mon, 18 Jan 2010 06:39 AM PST

Source: IRIN Annuarite Tagenge, 17, arrived in Bunia, the main town in the northeastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) region of Ituri on 8 January after spending almost a year walking through the forest to reach the town to search for her siblings.



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| 31460|2010-01-19 12:01:27|hebrew b'yisrael|to my folks who are in Real Estate & Banking --  
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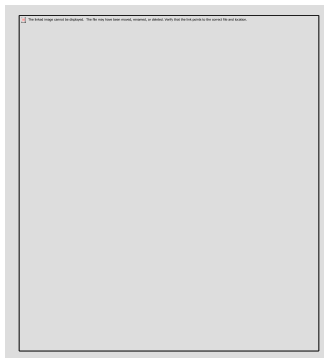
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## 200 Bank Failures Expected in 2010

by [Martin D. Weiss, Ph.D.](#)

Dear Customer,



Washington has so thoroughly botched its supervision of the banking industry that 200 banks are likely to fail this year easily surpassing last year's 140 bank failures ... inevitably involving the greatest bank losses in history ... and already costing the FDIC *ten times* more than the great S&L and banking crisis of the 1980s did.

I am not basing these conclusions on conjecture. They come straight from official sources. Specifically ...



In her [testimony before the Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission on Thursday](#), FDIC Chairman Blair attacked the Fed under Greenspan for causing the housing bubble and subsequent debt crisis with its highly stimulative, low interest rate policy of the 2000s.

She slammed virtually all of Washington for allowing banks to establish a huge, high-risk "shadow banking system."

And she made it abundantly clear that, without sweeping, far-reaching reforms, we risk *another* devastating debt crisis.

Each of her conclusions is abundantly obvious and thoroughly documented. What she did not mention, however, are the following equally obvious facts:

**Obvious fact #1.** The Fed under Bernanke is now pursuing an even *more stimulative, lower* interest rate policy than it did under Greenspan, threatening to create even larger bubbles and more devastating busts ...

**Obvious fact #2.** In just the last two years, between bank bailouts and easy money, Washington has done more to encourage the growth of the shadow banking system than in all previous years combined, and ...

**Obvious fact #3.** Despite all the talk and testimony, the nation's powerful banking lobby virtually guarantees that, in the absence of another Wall Street meltdown, the chance of sweeping reforms is virtually nil.

So here's America's financial dilemma in a nutshell:

**Without sweeping reforms, the nation is doomed to repeat history with another debt disaster. But without another debt disaster, the nation's political will for sweeping reforms is dead or dying.**

In the meantime, the aftershocks of the 2008 debt crisis are getting worse, as the latest news clearly illustrates ...

**171 actual total failures:** In addition to the 140 banks and S&Ls that failed in 2009, 31 credit unions went under, bringing the total tally to 171.

**Worse than the 1980s:** If you're among those who think today's banking crisis isn't nearly as bad as the great S&L and banking crisis of the 1980s, think again. The average bank failing today is six times larger than it was back then, producing far greater losses. Moreover, each bank failure is costing the FDIC about TEN times more than it did in the 1980s crisis, according to the Meridian Group of Seattle. As a result ...

**Worst FDIC losses of all time:** The FDIC lost more money in bank failures (\$36 billion) than it lost in the ENTIRE five-year banking crisis from 1987 through 1992 (\$29.6 billion). And in 2010, with the number of failures likely to increase, the losses will be even larger.

**Big banks still losing billions with consumers:** Until last week, the consensus opinion on Wall Street was that the troubles at the BIG banks were over; that to close this chapter in history, the only task remaining was a mop-up operation at smaller regional and community banks around the country.

That theory was shattered on Friday when JPMorgan Chase revealed it was forced to add \$1.5 billion to its consumer loan loss reserves. The big problem: When it took over Washington Mutual last year, the biggest failed S&L of all time, it inherited a cesspool of mortgages that are now going bad at an accelerating

pace. Other big consumer banks like Citigroup and Bank of America likely face similar woes.

**The trading profits of big investment banks are a bubble:** What most Wall Street bank analysts still don't seem to recognize is that the giant trading profits they've been so enthusiastic about are generated by the same low-interest Fed policy that created the housing bubble and is now in the process of creating MORE bubbles.

Without the Fed's largesse, without the low-cost financing, and without the big risk appetite it generates, most of the big bank trading profits would have been impossible. More to the point: Just as soon as the Fed finally executes an exit plan, the bulk of those profits are likely to turn to losses.

## **What To Do**

**First and foremost,** do not let up your guard when it comes to keeping your money safe. Yes, I know. With all the talk of the "end" to the crisis and Treasury bills paying virtually nothing, it's tempting to venture away from safe harbors.

But how much more yield can you get by doing so? If you switch from Treasury bills to bank CDs, for example, the most you can gain is a small fraction of a percent. And if you switch from bank CDs to low-rated corporate debt, the extra yield you get is even less attractive.

In sum ...

**At this early stage so soon after the worst debt crisis since the Great Depression, the TRUE RISK of putting your money in higher yielding savings**

**vehicles is still very high. Nevertheless, banks and other borrowers are asking you to take that risk WITHOUT paying you more than pennies for it.**

My recommendation: Tell them to go fly a kite!

For your keep-safe funds, use strictly short-term Treasuries or equivalent.

**Second**, if you do other business with a bank or if you still want to keep some part of your savings in bank CDs ... at least be sure to avoid the banks most likely to fail and stick with the ones most likely to survive. (For the latest Weiss Lists of the weakest banks and S&Ls, [click here](#). For the strongest, [click here](#).)

**Third**, bear in mind that, when it comes to your investment decision-making, TIMING is everything.

Last year, the stepped-up pace of bank failures did not derail the weak-but-continuing recovery in the U.S. economy. And for now, that's bound to remain the case. As soon as we see signs that's about to change, we'll do our best to alert you. Until then, we stick with our current posture: Continue to invest, but do so with great caution.

Good luck and God bless!

Martin

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| 31462|2010-01-19 12:01:37|sekhmet Johnson|Re: NEXT TARGET -- Black girls & the so-called JUST-US system -- pro|

Hello Hebrew,

I copied the first link along with some comments from the site below. I didn't have any girls myself, so I am not really qualified to talk on the subject of parents disciplining them, but I KNOW from my own school history that girls receive more physical punishment than boys and always have. Perhaps we can discuss this "trend" since the infibulation thing is supposed to make blackfemales docile....are we sure that is a desirable trait we want to pursue and continue in the African community? -Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Black Girls Twice As Likely to be Paddled At School

August 20th, 2008 | Uncategorized

About [this time last year](#), I told y'all about a STUDY ( because y'all know we love those around here) that said that Teachers Punish Black Girls for being Assertive:

The Gender Public Advocacy Coalition [reports](#) that teachers at the Texas school were observed over a two year period, disciplining black girls to show more passivity and deference, when other children were "rarely disciplined in the same manner for their actions". [The F-Word](#)

Now there is a new study saying that Black girls are twice as likely to be hit/paddled/get licks from their teachers than their White counterparts.

*African American students are more than twice as likely to be paddled. The disparity persists even in places with large black populations, the study found. Similarly, Native Americans were more than twice as likely to be paddled, the study found.*

*The study also found:*

- *In states where paddling is most common, black girls were paddled more than twice as often as white girls.*
- *Boys are three times as likely to be paddled as girls.* [MSNBC](#)

Well at least part of that has to be the lens through which their behavior is viewed. Not surprising my state gets mentioned prominently in the article.

I only got one paddling in school and it was absolutely WORTH IT and every time I see Mrs

G\*\*\*\* in the grocery store when I go home I remember that. Randy F ( yes, I remember his name to this day) called me a "n\*gger" in the third grade. Granted Randy called lots of people "n\*gger", but he managed never to get a paddling. This was BEFORE hip hop popularized calling Black folks n\*gger. It was not a term of endearment. Mrs. G\*\*\*\* was a Black lady too! There should have been solidarity. Whateva. It was worth taking "the licks". Randy wherever you are, I haven't forgotten.

### **Children are People Too**

For the record parents, this single childless advice giver does not believe in corporal punishment at all belt, switch, paddle, doesn't matter to me, its all the same. I always do my best to make parents who spank their children in front of me feel as horrible as it tis' possible to make someone feel with a single look of disgust. This includes relatives. No apologies! If you want to abuse your children, have the decency to do it in the privacy of your home like the olden days. I don't want to have your **poor parenting skills** foisted on me and invading my cerebral cortex. Spanking is a sign of weakness.

*"We teach our children that violence is wrong, yet corporal punishment teaches children that violence is a way to solve problems," said Jan Harp Domene, the group's president. "It perpetuates a cycle of child abuse. It teaches children to hit someone smaller and weaker when angry." [MSNBC](#)*

Exactly, it means your child has outsmarted you and the only **retaliation** you have available is to take advantage of your physical strength. (Not true? Well send me an email when you spank a fully grown adult.) I'll stop there because I don't want to start a riot in the comments, but I could go on. Yes, I was spanked as a child. No, it didn't work. To those parents who say "But you turned out alright!". My response is "I could have turned out BETTER!"

PS. there is a special place in HELL for a teacher that paddles a mentally handicapped student.

*Special education kids were more likely to be paddled. [MSNBC](#)*

Commence your caterwauling bestowing on me the virtues of hitting tiny people who are physically weaker than you are.

### **comments ?**

[#2 Revvy Rev](#) on 08.20.08 at 7:04 am

I agree that spanking or paddling should never be done in schools, etc. But I also feel that if a child is endangering themselves or others and only as a last resort that corporal punishment can have a place in moral development (in the home). However, you are right. If you are spanking all of the time, counseling may be necessary because there may be a lack of connection between child and parent to see why. There may be a lack of parenting, trust, love but the child is acting out in response to something. It is a complicated issue, but this type of punishment is only a very small part of the moral development package, should never be done out of anger or for retaliation, and **MUST** be done when young. A green tree can be shaped, but waiting until it is brown will break it or is impossible.

[#3 Redshift](#) on 08.20.08 at 7:24 am

Spanking is not necessarily a sign of poor parenting skills and weakness. It's a legitimate form of discipline when administered appropriately. Marjorie Gunnoe's study found that unlike white boys, there is a corrolation between spanking and a decrease in anti-social

behavior in black boys.

[#4 glory](#) on 08.20.08 at 9:17 am

I'm not trying to change your mind about spanking to each his own. I'm not a parent either, so we'll see what happens with my own kids, though I'm open to spanking if I find that it's effective.

Anyway, I don't like the possible import of that study that Black girls need their wills broken.

[#5 Black Girl](#) on 08.20.08 at 9:32 am

I don't believe in spanking. Can we agree that it is just one of the many forms of punishment? Spanking incites anger and resentment in a child, something that lingers for a lifetime if its done enough. It always lowers self esteem. Feeling a short lived sting of consequence for you action isn't going to teach your kids the value of good behavior. I punish by taking things they love the most away for a period of time. This gives the child time to think about it every time they want to play that video game or have fun at recess. If I knew I would have life's pleasures and fun taken from me I'd be less likely to mess it up, but if I knew I could do some crazy shyt and suffer for only a few moments then I'd say eff it, lets roll the misbehavin wagon out. From a mental standpoint its not as effective instead we need to think about from more of a psychological standpoint.

Remember how we were punished when we were brought to America. Carrying on that tradition isn't productive at all. As far as black girls being punished more, that's easy. We were taken away from our native land because of the strength of our culture and power we had to endure and build. The black woman helped build this nation on her breast and hips. Having such power is threatening so suppressing early by paddling and keeping a certain mentality alive in hopes of combating our strenghts within only makes sense. We just gotta stop emulating what's given and use our intelligence to offer sound solutions when it comes to raising our kids. Mine are straight A students, no dad around and well behaved outside of what kids normally doand I've never spanked them, ever. They think twice before doing something crazy if getting caught means taking away television for a month. There are other ways to facilitate moral development. Corporal punishment is only a temporary solution. There are other 'smart' ways we just have to take time to THINK about it vs. raising the hand first chance we get.

[#6 deborah](#) on 08.20.08 at 9:42 am

The black girls are punished more harshly for the same reason Michelle Obama is criticized so severely. Society dislikes seeing us strong and empowered.

I was spanked as a child and I have occasionally spanked as a parent. I moved away from spanking because I think it is often a reflection of the parent's frustration rather than an appropriate response to what a child has done/not done.

As BlackGirl said, there are more effective ways of correcting and guiding behavior. I stopped spanking the day I allowed my daughter to chose her own punishment from three options and she quickly chose the spanking.(!) BTW, she didn't get the spanking that time; her computer time was yanked instead.

--- On **Sun, 1/17/10**, **hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] NEXT TARGET -- Black girls & the so-called JUST-US system --  
proscutirial mis-conduct 'en-mass'

To: "Denise van Esche"

Date: Sunday, January 17, 2010, 1:59 PM

Hi Denise;

Now the graveyards & prisons are full of Blackmen,  
the next "logical" target are Black girls:

[http://www.whatabou tourdaughters. com/2008/](http://www.whatabou tourdaughters. com/2008/08/black- girls-twice- as-likely- to-be-paddled-at-school/)

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[http://thinkoutside thecage2. blogspot. com/2007/](http://thinkoutside thecage2. blogspot. com/2007/06/georgia- ag-files- appeal.html)

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<http://boortz. com/nealz nuze/2009/ 03/policemen-beating-girl. html>

| 31463|2010-01-19 12:02:24|JamelC|Intro to Traditional Yoruba Religion Workshop in NYC!!!

### **Introduction to Yoruba Religion Workshop**

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6:30-7:45pm

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- Divination: What are the different types of divination Systems.
- Orisa Denominations: What are the different types of Orisa denominations?
- Steps to Becoming an Orisa Worshipper

The cost for this workshop will be \$20 and will include handouts to be given to each attendee.



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Manhattan

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\$20

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## About the Presenter

Sangobukunmi Fasheye Odushola also known as Jamel Cherry is a traditional Yoruba priest of Shango and Ifa. He was initiated in Yorubaland into the Sango priesthood by the Elegun of Sango, Baba Sangodele Ibuowo. He was also initiated as an Ifa priest by Baba Fakayode Faniyi and the Idin Ileke Ifa Temple. He is currently a student under Baba Ifakayode Faniyi, the Agbongbon of Osogbo. As a lifetime student and documentarian of African spirituality, divination, and healing, Sangobukunmi conducts workshops sharing some of the knowledge he has acquired on his journey. He also leads the Ile Ori L'agba spiritual community.

He is also a certified Holistic Health Counselor, Spiritual Life Coach, and third-degree Reiki Master. He studied African holistic health and traditional African medicine with various healers and received his certification as an African healer in African Science and Healing by Dr. Kofi Asare, noted Ghanaian healer and herbalist. He also completed an Indigenous African Spiritual Technology apprenticeship under the direction of Malidoma Some, African Shaman and PhD scholar. He studied holistic health and nutrition while receiving his certification as a Holistic Health Counselor at the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, the largest nutrition school in the world. He is a registered lifetime member of the American Association for Drugless Practitioners. He is also a member of Siura Wellness, a collective of holistic health practitioners. for Drugless Practitioners.

| 31464|2010-01-19 12:02:34|sekhmet Johnson|Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans |

"...if it's genuine... clearest depiction of colonial mentality..."

Zeech, hold on while I ROTFL!!!!

Are you kidding me? Now I have heard some bizarre things about Voodoo and other non-Christian faiths....**actually more ignorant than bizarre**, but I was wondering when some whitebread was going to "blame the victims" for this disaster.

I can't watch the video, so if there is a written version of the "cursed Africans" causing the quake please let me know. (((shaking my head))) this must be connected to that biblical Ham curse thing IMO.....SSDD.

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Mon, 1/18/10, zeecharan** wrote:

From: zeecharan  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 7:19 AM

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ginkARhgvE>

This 20 sec youtube clip was sent to me, if it's genuine then it's clearest depiction of colonial mentality and shows just how important this listserve is.  
The Haitian consul l sounding just like a redneck slaveowner blaming Haitians - black ones for the earthquake.  
Reminds me of the contempt light skinned 'I'm not black I'm european' Jamaicans had for the problems faced by the african JA diaspora in racist UK back in the day.

zeech (mixed but not confused)

| 31465|2010-01-19 12:02:42|Tafari khumbaka|Re: Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the  
jesus conspiracy|

The 1st Great Teacher i would think would be someone lost in the midst of time/historically speaking.

No he was not African, only a man whocan be amongthose counted as the literal historical personage of thatone in modern times called jesus.  
and the list continues as historians attempt to put a real face on the mythe of jesus the christ.



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

--- On **Sun, 1/17/10, shirley parker** wrote:

From: shirley parker  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the jesus conspiracy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Sunday, January 17, 2010, 10:39 PM

so you are saying this guy was the first great teacher and not some savior? Was heafrican c

what?  
thanks sappie1952

**sin:** "to miss the point of human existence"

--- On **Sun, 12/6/09, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the jesus conspiracy  
To: maatcollective@ yahooogroups. com  
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009, 9:49 PM

**As soon as Jesus was put in the place of Apollonius, the task of the Roman churchmen was to destroy all records concerning Apollonius and his Essenian Early Christian followers during the first three centuries, so that the world might forever be kept in darkness concerning this colossal deception and be made to believe that Jesus and the Christian religion, which they originated at the beginning of the Fourth Century A.D., antedated their creation by three centuries.**

**It was for this reason that the Alexandrian and other ancient libraries were burnt, so that all books written during and pertaining to the first three centuries of our Common Era might be destroyed. [Comment: The Library at Alexandria was burnt on several occasions, both by arson and by accident. The burning referred to above occurred in the year 389 CE during the reign of Emperor Theodosius I. Please see "Emperor Theodosius, Pope Hitler I."]**

**And so well did the churchmen succeed in obliterating such records that, for nearly two thousand years, the world has been kept in darkness concerning the fact that Apollonius of Tyana was the recognized world teacher of the First Century, and that during the first three centuries, before he was created at the Council of Nicaea, as an alternative Messiah to Apollonius, no such man as Jesus Christ was known to or mentioned by anyone!**

**No greater cultural loss ever occurred than happened when the Christian mob set fire to the books and manuscripts of the Alexandrian Library [in 389 CE], in order to destroy all records of Apollonius of Tyana, so that the world might forever be ignorant of his existence and of his replacement by the previously non-existent and unknown Jesus, which occurred at the Council of Nicaea in the year 325 A.D.**

**But fortunately, a certain book survived - the FORBIDDEN BOOK - of all books in that great library - that was most feared. It was THE LIFE OF APOLLONIUS OF TYANA, by his biographer Philostratus.**

<http://home.iae.nl/users/lightnet/religion/apollonius.htm>

click above



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

tua/thanks for e- mails and info on this subject

| 31466|2010-01-19 12:02:44|hebrew b'yisrael|Re: [SmaiTawi] re: Hebrew/Preserve the Father's name|

<http://www.second-congress-matriarchal-studies.com/werlhof.html>

<http://www.crystalinks.com/matriarchal.html>

[http://www.gnosticliberationfront.com/ancient origins of jewish ritual circumcision.htm](http://www.gnosticliberationfront.com/ancient_origins_of_jewish_ritual_circumcision.htm)

<http://www.ejfi.org/Civilization/Civilization-15.htm>

<http://www.unhinderedliving.com/marriagepurpose.html>

<http://www.angelfire.com/retro/goddess3/>

[http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi\\_m2220/is\\_3\\_42/ai\\_73356142/](http://findarticles.com/p/articles/mi_m2220/is_3_42/ai_73356142/)

<http://www.mailstar.net/maccoby.html>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriarchy>

<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Matriarchy>

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black matriarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_matriarchy)

<http://www.second-congress-matriarchal-studies.com/bennholdtthomsen.html>

<http://books.google.com/books?id=cOgcKVnLYfkC&lpg=PA20&ots=4uhT->

[jMBD4&dq=matriarchal%20societies%20child%20sacrifice&pg=PA22#v=onepage&q=matriarchal%20societies%20child%20sacrifice&f=false](http://books.google.com/books?id=cOgcKVnLYfkC&lpg=PA20&ots=4uhT-jMBD4&dq=matriarchal%20societies%20child%20sacrifice&pg=PA22#v=onepage&q=matriarchal%20societies%20child%20sacrifice&f=false)

Go & read! Both forms of societies have used children!

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**From:** Ashaki

**To:** SmaiTawi@yahoogroups.com

**Sent:** Mon, January 18, 2010 6:29:16 PM

**Subject:** [SmaiTawi] re: Hebrew/Preserve the Father's name

talk about Hot Air Y'srealite,

female/matriarch societies that cast out female babies?ah-huh.

dont just spew words- show and prove..if you can.

| 31467|2010-01-19 12:02:49|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Donate to red cross? NO!

Hello Manu Ampim,

thanks for the links to different donation sites and what items need to be donated for the victims. I know most folks no longer trust the American Red Cross....with due cause of their history; but I have no problem with Yele Haiti under the direction of Wyclef Jean, a Haitian himself. Of course you may have more information than I do, but he is young and trying to help as an individual. He can't realistically reach out to as many people as some other larger groups, but he is recognized as a fellow Haitian and has been helping them since the last two hurricanes hit Haiti. If I am wrong, please let me...and others on the forum..know, thanks.

BTW, I don't know him personally but I do listen to hip-hop on occasion....LOL!!!

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Tue, 1/19/10, Manu Ampim** wrote:

From: Manu Ampim

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Donate to red cross? NO!

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 11:38 AM

There is no doubt that the records of both the Red Cross and Yele are shaky at best. Most Black activists in the SF/Oakland Bay Area have donated to either the **Haiti Emergency Relief Fund**

<http://www.haitiaction.net/About/HERF/HERF.html>

or

The **Haiti Support Project**

<http://www.ibw21.org/>

Here is the next large community event:

POCC and Haiti Action Committee presents

Haiti Relief Update Event - On Sunday, Jan. 24th at 7pm at the Black Dot Cafe, 1195 Pine St. in West Oakland

Pierre Labossierre, the cofounder of the Haiti Action Committee, will be giving the people an update on history, what is happening on the ground in Haiti, and what is most urgently needed during the recovery period.

Please bring medical supplies and clothes. Financial proceeds will go to the Block Report Radio show/ The SF BayView Newspaper putting a media and medical team on the ground in Haiti within the coming weeks.

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Advancing the work,  
MA

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"...or you refrain from spreading DISinformation. ."

Hello Ginger,  
the article isn't false, and I have no great love for the Red Cross managers and their theft of donations which is WELL documented.. .been there, even lived next door to a corporate office which was a joke IMO. I worked with the R C volunteers on occasions and they were sincere in wanting to help disaster victims, but got stabbed in the back by their own corporate managers and "start up" swindlers claiming to be "Red Cross volunteers" or "victims" themselves.

Nope, haven't been to NOLA lately, but I know those folks are still suffering from the LACK of response viewed around the globe...most embarrassing to me as a healthcare worker, but not a "surprise" really. It IS the South still, and the mind-set hasn't changed much at all from the days of slavery IMO.

To return to "DISinformation" regarding Haiti...those folks have NO information coming in at all because they have no electricity, and no fuel/travel. ...ala NOLA and Mississippi who seldom gets mentioned in the media, because only the poor were MOST effected.

"...questioning my intentions in regard to this article..."

I am not questioning your intentions about this or any other articles you send, and you can of course advise others not to donate to the Red Cross at all....no problem with me. But in your original post you didn't give an alternative group to send money to and those people need help now, ...  
but thanks for the reply.

Sekhmet

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| 31468|2010-01-19 12:02:59|Tafari khumbaka|Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans |

If the African is cursed for Voodoo, what about the french for slavery,terrorism,murder,lies, Genocide and lust,Greed and the attack on a people attempting too free themselves from chattle slavery, rape ,starvation and cruelties unmentionable to children.

WHAT about penalizing freed people for freeing themselves then placing the like of Papa-Doc over them with the full cooperation of europe and america backing him/papa-doc and the light-skinned blacks of Haiti to do as they pleased.....



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

--- On **Mon, 1/18/10**, zeecharan wrote:

From: zeecharan  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 7:19 AM

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ginkARhgvE>

This 20 sec youtube clip was sent to me, if it's genuine then it's clearest depiction of colonial mentality and shows just how important this listserve is. The Haitian consul l sounding just like a redneck slaveowner blaming Haitians - black ones for the earthquake. Reminds me of the contempt light skinned 'I'm not black I'm european' Jamaicans had for the problems faced by the african JA diaspora in racist UK back in the day.

zeech (mixed but not confused)

| 31469|2010-01-19 12:05:54|Agola Kisira|Polygyny/Ploygamy in Africa: An African Male's post|

I don't get it, exactly why is Polygamy, Polyandry or polyamory (or the lack of it, perhaps celibacy too) a "Human Rights" issue. This seem to be hypocrisy especially coming from people that think of alternative lifestyles (LGBT) as civil rights issues.

In peace

Just my 2 cents

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**From:** "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com"  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
**Sent:** Tue, 19 January, 2010 4:18:34  
**Subject:** [Ta\_Seti] Digest Number 3680

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### **The Revolutionary Dr.. King**

**Posted by: "Manu Ampim" [Profmanu@acninc.net](mailto:Profmanu@acninc.net) m\_ampim**  
**Mon Jan18,2010 9:16am (PST)**

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Sons Of AfrikaFor more than 20 years, I have argued that Dr. King is the most misrepresented and misunderstood figure in U.S. history. He has been systematically reduced from one of the most important political activists of our era to simply an abstract and naive "dreamer." Most people have not read \*any\* of Dr. King's books or essays, and thus I continue to present my primary research on MLK to challenge the gross distortions of his political legacy. Now is the time to stop the spread of ignorance about King.

Myth of the "Nonviolent Tradition"

<http://www.manuampi m.com/Nonviolent Tradition. htm>

King Supported Black Power

<http://www.manuampi m.com/king bp.html>

Advancing the work,

Manu Ampim

[www.ManuAmpim.com](http://www.ManuAmpim.com)

"Primary Research is the greatest weapon against the distortion of African history and culture." -  
MA

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2a.

### **Re: Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post**

**Posted by: "Li (wiseladyowl)" [wiseladyowl@yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com) wiseladyowl**  
**Mon Jan18,2010 9:48am (PST)**

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Thank you!

--- On Mon, 1/18/10, [shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net) <[shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

From: [shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net) <[shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net)>

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

To: [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups .com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com)

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 7:57 AM

Lady Wise Owl,

Here is the link to Khemetic Science Temple:

[Khemeticscience. ning.com](http://Khemeticscience.ning.com)

Peace-n-Blessings,

Shri Sa Hetep

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

From: "Li \ (wiseladyowl\ )" <[wiseladyowl@comcast.net](mailto:wiseladyowl@comcast.net)>

Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 11:30:18 -0800 (PST)

To:

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

Thank you so much for this I will be waiting for your post on the site because im most interested in knowing about OUR culture not the eurocentric influenced culture imposed upon our ppl by their invaders.

--- On Sun, 1/17/10, [shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net) wrote:

From: [shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net)

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

To: [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups .com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com)

Date: Sunday, January 17, 2010, 2:14 PM

Sis Sekhmet Lady Wise Owl,

You are more than welcome, I am glad this article helps shed light on the subject. Credit really goes to a Sister named Earth, administrator of the Kemetic Science Temple social network. I would like to post a link for the network, but I am away from home at the moment. It will be posted later today. Her network provides great information on how we can keep Kemetic Culture alive.

Peace

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

From: sekhmet Johnson

Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 17:39:29 -0800 (PST)

To:

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

Excellent paper, Shri ...thanks for sharing.

Sekhmet

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--- On Sat, 1/16/10, Shri Sa Hetep wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 7:12 PM

Here is the link from my last post: Polygyny in Africa: A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality

<http://www.bu.edu/wcp/Papers/Afri/AfriGbot.htm>

Peace,

Shri Sa Hetep

From: Shri Sa Hetep

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Sent: Sat, January 16, 2010 8:04:35 PM

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

Polygyny in Africa:

A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality

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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"<sup>(1)</sup> thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."<sup>(2)</sup>

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky.

Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds.. Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality.. After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father

found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girls four white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...] during the night Moon [...] had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar's body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...] Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls [...]" (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshipping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called him Sekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe. [...] (Ibid., pp. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original humans' *modus vivendi*.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men.. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the *muntu* or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

## II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed.. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an ad verecundiam argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male"s Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes,



thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism.. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women's sexuality or infidelity.

#### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality", wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problem the male infidelity by creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

#### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

#### IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

##### A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination

of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family.. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

#### B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

#### C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals

Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.

3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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#### Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.
2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in *The Revolt Against God* referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God.. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.
4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."
5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M.. 58, has been reprinted in *Basic Documents Supplement to International Law* 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.
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From: Peter Gray  
To: Marc Washington  
Sent: Sat, January 16, 2010 7:18:41 PM  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

Thank you that very illuminating and level-headed input. Much appreciated.

Peter

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: sami\_ra\_maati@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 12:06:19 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about

these matters. Women who are born and raised in America, for example, see polygamy in Africa and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional European based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional African cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional African cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's play-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional African polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnight creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of play-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions play-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony,

stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand, polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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3a.

**Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans**

**Posted by: "Li (wiseladyowl)" [wiseladyowl@yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com) wiseladyowl**  
**Mon Jan18,2010 9:48am (PST)**

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How utterly sad, they are just angry that our Haitian brothers and sisters resisted them for so long and actually survived! Now with this disaster they are ready to take over and villianize them so that they can tell the world, "see they really can not survive with out us"! Our Haitian family deserves only praise from us for showing us what fighting for your rights is all about!  
Much love and blessings to Haiti,  
Ladeeowl

--- On Mon, 1/18/10, zeecharan <[zeecharan@yahoo.com](mailto:zeecharan@yahoo.com)> wrote:

From: zeecharan <[zeecharan@yahoo.com](mailto:zeecharan@yahoo.com)>

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

To: [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com)

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 8:19 AM

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3b.

**Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans**

**Posted by: "Shri Sa Hetep" [shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net) shrisahetep**  
**Mon Jan18,2010 2:20pm (PST)**

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That is like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust. Jews did not leave their religion and/or spiritual practices behind after their tragedy, why should Haitians? I only hope Haitians come back a success, just like the Jewish people did.

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**Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans**

**Posted by: "shirley parker" [sappie1952@yahoo.com](mailto:sappie1952@yahoo.com) sappie1952**

**Mon Jan18,2010 3:00pm (PST)**

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This is appalling..who is this jerk? I would love to see an earthquake hit where he lives and hear his reasoning behind that!

~shirley~

sin: "to miss the point of human existence"

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| 31470|2010-01-19 12:07:38|sekhmet Johnson|Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans |

"...like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust..."

Hello Shri Sa,

that is what I was thinking initially, and as usual, the nimrod had to put a religious "spin" on the blame, i.e. "cursed" Africans. Africans are no more cursed than any other ethnic group that has lost their "moral center" as caring beings.

I believe the Haitians will once again thrive as a nation once they get past the current crisis point in two to three weeks, as long as they don't have another major natural disaster. The DISinformation "experts" always crawl out from under their rocks when they have nothing positive to say nor can they reach out to support the neediest at this time without some outside support.

Sekhmet

P.S. - I send an individualpersonal email sometimesbecause of the delay in posts to the forum; if this is problematic for anyone, just let me know.

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| 31471|2010-01-19 12:19:31|hebrew b'yisrael|Re: [SmaiTawi] Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy|  
Peace Ashaki;

Before the white-man brought his "religions", this type of talk was not even discussed among our people. It was understood we needed "balance & order". Now we are all out of order & our communities are chaos & destruction. No more love in the Ghetto, the projects, or even the upscale uppity hoods -- everyone for themselves except when Katrina hit. Yah will make you come together as a people and a nation before long!

Back in the day, Men were "hunters & gathers" subject to more perilous situations thus male-children died off quickly so Men needed to have more children to replenish the ranks. Our fertility & birth rates need to be 5.5 and greater to sustain & meet the challenges coming to America -- 3 BILLION CAPITALIST WHO AIN'T LOOKING FOR NO GRANTS, JOBS, CIVIL RIGHTS, VOTING

RIGHTS, ETC. -- 3 BILLION ASIANS COMING TO AMERICA TO TAKE YOUR SPOT NOW! Take it or leave it alone?

Now, we live in a sedentary American culture where we are @ war [P.O.W. camps are Andersonville, Jackson State Pen, Cook County Jail, San Quentin, Chino, 'the glass house', Texarkana Fed Pen, Atlanta Federal Pen, etc.] and our males are being slaughtered off wholesale AND the F > M ratio is about 3:1 if not greater. Just take a look @ any Black co-ed college's dormitory & residence halls and you will see the "stats" blaring you in the face! We are being cored out like an apple!

Think with your third eye to see our future not with your head in your pants! Our very future in this country is @ stake now. We will soon be over run in these major urban centers by **Asians & Hispanics** if we are not very careful in OUR **COLLECTIVE STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DYNAMIC RESOURCE ALLOCATION!** You learned this in the white man's schools & corporations did you not? The **white man is always looking** 10, 20, 30, 50, 100 years down the road & trying to see around every corner! The typical Negro // Black seldom plans out his day much less a week or a month or year @ a time. That is why we are **COLLECTIVE REACTIONARIES!**

Moreover, I have attended high level meetings where Whites are openly proud of the New World Order and other "achievements" @ Baltimore Council on Foreign Relations [CFR]. They tried to draft me in heavy but those meetings were BORING AS HECK unlike going to hear a brother or sister **"cold drop the science & the facts"**. CFR is more like a "tea & biscuit" social club with weak speakers -- no charisma @ all -- but a very serious agenda & deep pockets to see it through! I love Yahweh too much & my lovely Black people the world over just to be some "token" in an all-whiteman's clubhouse just to have bragging rights that I made it AND WTF about everyone else!!

One of the members, a direct descendant of the DuPont clan, came up to me and bragged that we will soon have inter-stellar flight and first contact in 30 years AND our society will be radically different then vs. now. AND everyone will be in the grid. Yes, sounds just like what Aaron Russo was told!

Shalom,

brother hebrew

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**From:** Ashaki .  
**To:** SmaiTawi@yahoogroups.com  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 10:23:51 PM  
**Subject:** [SmaiTawi] Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy

Y'isrealite, Peter

"more effeminate men because of an increase in female babies"? i guess thats "nature" again Hebrew; because all this HYPERmasculinity is definitely not getting us anywhere.

effeminate males arent going anywhere, masculine women arent going anywhere. gender roles are fluid. androgeny is not the issue.#onToTheNextOne.

just because u claim that nations who WERE polygamous and are now embracing monogamy - makes them westernized? and which "head" is trying to rationalize this?

--- In [SmaiTawi@yahoogroup.s.com](mailto:SmaiTawi@yahoogroup.s.com), hebrew b'yisrael wrote:

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> male children to pass on the father's name is in favor AND almost the same in the other nations, however, the higher altitudes kill off XX sperm below 12,500 ft; above 12,500 the Sun's radiation kills of XY, which is airline pilots have more girls than boys!

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> there society is out of balance just like black america; more women than men by far.

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> the effect is that you have vast numbers of "effeminate" men [lady boys] in these asian countries due to the shortage of women. they even have special bathrooms from trans sexed men.

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> I could provide references but check it out.

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> \_\_\_\_\_  
> From: sekhmet Johnson  
> To: [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com)  
> Sent: Fri, January 15, 2010 11:00:40 AM  
> Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy  
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> "...due to the shortage of women..."  
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> Interesting Hebrew, China I know has a shortage of women because of their one child law and the killing of infant girls because they favor boy births...I ain't figured that one out yet. The other countries you mentioned has a shortage of women because..... ?  
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> If you know of a link or article please let me know what it is. Besides natural disasters of some sort, I can't think of any reason(s) why the would have a woman shortage, but polygamy is not the answer IMO, because it would appear to deprive other men of getting a wife since there are more men than women.  
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> Sekhmet  
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> Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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> --- On Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael wrote:  
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>>Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
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>>Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:23 AM  
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>>polygamy is common practice in Nepel, parts of China, Tibet, Bhutan, & other countries around there due to the shortage of women.  
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> \_\_\_\_\_  
> From: Peter Gray  
>>To: Marc Washington  
>>Sent: Fri, January 15, 2010 10:07:54 AM

>>Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

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>>Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

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>>I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

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>>I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

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>>Peter

>>PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to can hear her in her own words.

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> To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

>>From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

>>Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800

>>Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

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>>"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... .not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = Face To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, let me know....no problem.

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"male children to pass on the father's name..."

Yeah, but some of the parents were getting early abortions after they found out they were having a girl, and kept doing it until they had a son. Other poorer countries would do infanticide in a lot of cases, but only the female infants.

Now what about the mother's name....oh, right; most societies are now patriarchal. ..moms don't count, we just "breed"....ROTFL! !

"...higher altitudes kill off XX sperm..."

Ahhhh, I see; makes that mountain climbing just a sport in modern times although it doesn't work very well if that is where you live 24/7. Anyhoo, I'll take your word for it...I am past my mountain climbing days for fun and do it only as a last resort. I prefer elevators, less wear on the joints....LOL! !

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there society is out of balance just like black america; more women than men by far. the effect is that you have vast numbers of "effeminate" men [lady boys] in these asian countries due to the shortage of women. they even have special bathrooms from trans sexed men.

I could provide references but check it out.

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|| "...due to the shortage of women..."

Interesting Hebrew, China I know has a shortage of women because of their one child law and the killing of infant girls because they favor boy births...I ain't figured that one out yet. The other countries you mentioned has a shortage of women because..... ?

If you know of a link or article please let me know what it is. Besides natural disasters of some sort, I can't think of any reason(s) why they would have a woman shortage, but polygamy is not the answer IMO, because it would appear to deprive other men of getting a wife since there are more men than women.

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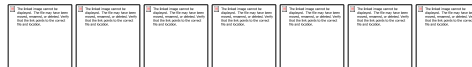
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IN THE HOLY NAME YHWH

Greetings IB,

I have a very funny feeling about the "Madrid" fault is about rupture in the next 90 or so days thus causing the Mississippi River to run backwards with an order Mb. of 8.5+ thus wiping a few cities along the river valley off the map & maybe beyond repair.

I pray I am severely wrong!

peace,

hebrew

----- Forwarded Message -----

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Region: SAN JUAN, ARGENTINA  
Geographic coordinates: 31.264S, 68.573W  
Magnitude: 5.5 Mb  
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Time near the Epicenter: 18 Jan 2010 09:28:36  
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Location with respect to nearby cities:  
32 km (20 miles) N (351 degrees) of San Juan, Argentina  
182 km (113 miles) N (7 degrees) of Mendoza, Argentina  
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ADDITIONAL EARTHQUAKE PARAMETERS

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| 31476|2010-01-19 12:21:05|Michael J. Robinson|Happy New Year: In Memory Of Those Who Became Ancestors in 2009|

Ma'at Hotep Family and Happy New Year!!!

I meant to send this out earlier this month but I have been very busy with new developments with The African History Network. Did you notice that the year end wrap ups where they honored people who died in 2009 only contained one African-American for the most part? That person was **Michael Jackson**. I watched year end wraps up on the major networks that didn't even mention Steve McNair of the Tennessee Titans or Chris Henry of the Cincinnati Bengals. I was very surprised they didn't include Alaina Reed-Hall who died on December 17<sup>th</sup>. She was on *Sesame Street* for 12 years as Olivia Robinson, kid sister to Gordon. She then went on to co-Star in "227" with Marla Gibbs from 1985 - 1990. It was a top rated show on NBC in the 1980s.

On BlackAmericaWeb.com, they had an excellent compilation that I want to share with you so we can honor our Ancestors. Please forward this email out to your friends and family.

There is one other person that I need to add that they missed and that is African-Centered Scholar **Dr. Ivan Van Sertima** who passed away on Memorial Day 2009.

The article was titled: **In Memoriam: Remembering Those We Lost In 2009**. Here's the link:

[http://www.blackamericaweb.com/?q=articles/news/moving\\_america\\_news/15307/1](http://www.blackamericaweb.com/?q=articles/news/moving_america_news/15307/1)

Thanks,

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**"Right knowledge, corrects wrong behavior!!!"**

| 31477|2010-01-19 12:21:19|nathaniel x vance|Obama Celebrating ML King Birthday!|

Dear Group,

Here is a recent **C-SPAN** video of President Obama speaking in Washington DC at Vermont Ave Church where Dr. ML King preached. It shows the amazing sincere affability and connectedness this man has for all people especially the least!

Please take the time to watch, and when you are done, you should come to the same conclusion, that Barack Obama is truly a Godsend.

Also, please note his defining us or the present generation as the **Joseph generation**, whereas during the time of beloved Dr. ML King, Barack likened him and his struggle to the **Moses generation**!

Something special is behind his choice for these four words.

Do you have any idea or premonition as to what exactly he meant?

<<http://www.c-spanvideo.org/program/291410-1>>

The wicked**ENDTIME** - NOT the **RIGHTEOUS**! <http://Zetaheaven.org>:

| 31478|2010-01-19 12:22:00|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: Check out "Bush Was Responsible for Destroying Haitian Democracy|

thanks for article ,i hope people read the whole article.

<http://randallrobinson.com/>

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| 31479|2010-01-19 12:22:01|Sh'mou-EL|Heart Q..Ghana pranksters panic ...|

Just about 12:20 Am GMT the entire population of Ghana was awaked . Pranksters panic us with Haiti type of E.Q and many people received calls from friends and family that it was just about time for and E.Q to occur. "Every one should come out".

This spread across the nation. The media picked it up...and people could not sleep.

If you know some one in Ghana you can verify how serious it was....but it did not come

I think people must be serious...DISinformation is also a sin.

On this forum, Hebrew 777 called me 419. This person do not know me in real life. Myself and Hebrew 777 have not met before.  
YAHWEH if he serves him ...serve justice.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 10:59 PM

This is appalling..who is this jerk? I would love to see an earthquake hit where he lives and hear his reasoning behind that!  
~shirley~

**sin: "to miss the point of human existence"**

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Much love and blessings to Haiti,  
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--- On **Mon, 1/18/10, zeecharan** wrote:

From: zeecharan  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 8:19 AM

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ginkARhgvE>

This 20 sec youtube clip was sent to me, if it's genuine then it's clearest depiction

of colonial mentality and shows just how important this listserve is.  
The Haitian consul sounding just like a redneck slaveowner blaming Haitians - black ones for the earthquake.

Reminds me of the contempt light skinned 'I'm not black I'm european' Jamaicans had for the problems faced by the african JA diaspora in racist UK back in the day.

zeech (mixed but not confused)

| 31480|2010-01-19 12:22:52|nubianstaff|OFFICIAL PRESIDENT OBAMA ONE YEAR BLACK REPORT CARD!|

<http://www.blackconsciousness.com/nubianvoting.html>

This is the link to the official President Obama BLACK REPORT CARD.

Here is your chance to unite with others and make a decision about what kind of a job he has done. All the pundits and experts have spoken. All the inside and outside the beltway people have spoken. All the knuckleheads have run off at the lip. Now it's time for the people to speak! Get your vote in. We the people!

Please vote and get your friends and family to vote.

If you know someone that doesn't have a computer, please let them use your computer to vote.

THIS LINK CAN BE EMAILED TO FRIENDS. HELP OUT!

<http://www.blackconsciousness.com/nubianvoting.html>

THIS IS A MULTI-MEDIA SITE! HAVE FUN!

| 31481|2010-01-19 12:23:10|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Messiah has More Than 30 Wives|

Personally, I fail to understand how multiple wives and a dirty home co-exist.

If women are meant to maintain the home, i.e. cooking and cleaning is a woman's DUTY, then with multiple wives the place SHOULD have been spotless, and a bunch of fat folks living inside. Am I missing something in this tragic case of Israeli polygamy? -Sekhmet

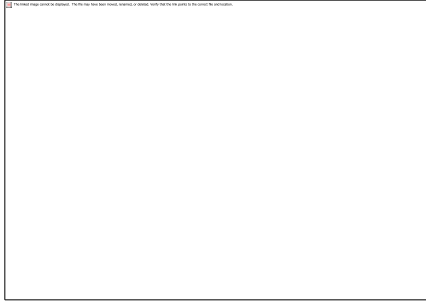
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Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 12:08 PM

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/time/20100119/wl\\_time/08599195460000](http://news.yahoo.com/s/time/20100119/wl_time/08599195460000)

## **Goel Ratzon: Israel's Messiah with More Than 30 'Wives'**

**TIME**



ReutersGoel Ratzon (C), a 60-year-old

self-styled Jewish sage, appears in Tel Aviv District Court January 15,

By MATTHEW KALMAN Matthew Kalman TueJan19, 4:50amET

Goel Ratzon's Facebook profile shows the bespectacled Israeli with shoulder-length white hair and neatly trimmed beard and says he is currently dating and has 36 friends. His real status is somewhat more complicated. When Israeli police raided the self-styled healer's four homes in Tel Aviv last week they found two legal ex-wives, plus another 30 women as well as 89 children - all reputedly his. Ratzon was arrested on suspicion of enslavement, rape and sexual abuse and remanded in custody by a local magistrate.

Police described the apartment block in the city's downscale Hatikvah neighborhood as a slum harem. "The living conditions of the women were tragic," Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld told TIME.

"When I entered one of the houses, I was shocked by what I saw. The filth was horrible, and there was nowhere to walk without stumbling on something. It was a three-bedroom apartment, where 10 women and 17 children were living."

Ratzon's unusual domestic arrangements first came to light in a documentary broadcast on Israel's Channel 10 in January 2009. It showed Ratzon's "wives" cooking, cleaning and shopping together, eagerly anticipating the arrival of "Daddy" and competing over whom he would choose to spend the night with. On the show, Ratzon explained the secret of his magnetic attraction was that he was "perfect." "I have everything a woman wants, all the qualities a woman wants. I give women the attention they want. It's made of many things, but fortunately, I have everything," he said. Because there was technically no multiple marriage (no ceremonies or documents were involved), authorities had no basis for charging Ratzon with polygamy.

The women, too, appeared to be content, if not happy. They wore modest clothing that neighbors likened to those of religious Muslims, and they had Ratzon's image tattooed on their bodies. The children's names all included a version of Ratzon's own. One wife had Ratzon's portrait tattooed on her upper left arm, his head surrounded by snakes with the legend "Goel Ratzon, my love forever." A similar tattoo on her upper right arm portrayed him with a cobra crowning his head and the legend "My Goel, my love." Her neck was inscribed twice: "To Goel, with love."

"No one has love like we have here. I went through a lot before I arrived



here and he is the ultimate for me," she explained on television. One of the other women defended Ratzon's little kingdom, saying, "People think we are in a place where we are imprisoned and forced to become some kind of poor Cinderella. They don't understand that there is humanity, respect. He has something special and good." Said one of her companions: "He's the Messiah that everyone talks about. The day he decides to reveal himself, this country will see it."

Ratzon had built a reputation for spiritual redemption (which is what *goel* means in Hebrew) by way of a center in Tel Aviv that combined teachings on the Kabbalah with healing. In 2000, he told a reporter that he had had a vision of a "soul" appearing to him and telling him that the secrets of the Torah would be revealed to him, allowing him to no longer work hard in his life. He became known as a healer for young women, some of whom fell in love with him. One of his "wives" said she was smitten after he cured her of a mysterious disease that had left her bald at age 10. Some of the women in the household severed all contact with their own families, insisting no one forced them to stay. On the TV documentary, some accompanied Ratzon to a Tel Aviv mall to trawl for more "wives."

Still, Ratzon, 59, ruled his clan like a kingdom - or a police state.

According to a book of domestic bylaws that he laid out for his huge household, the women faced fines from \$50 to \$500 for such infractions as sitting idle when there was housework to be done or talking to repairmen. To an extent, the situation was state-subsidized: some women claimed state benefits as stay-at-home, single parents. Others, however, worked outside, earning money for the family kitty. But not everyone was happy. Days before his arrest, Ratzon reportedly took one of his "wives" to the hospital because she was suffering from an overdose of antidepressants.

Because there was no evidence of a crime, just a weird lifestyle, no charges have been brought against Ratzon. "The welfare department [had] been in touch with some of the women and children for the past couple of years," Sharon Melamed, a social worker in the Tel Aviv Municipality Welfare Department tells TIME. "There was never a reason to suspect any criminal behavior. The children were clean and well dressed. They showed up to school regularly. There were no signs in their behavior that could indicate neglect or anything like sexual exploitation."

But there was much suspicion that many of the women in the alleged harem, still in their 20s, had been troubled teenagers who originally went to Ratzon for therapy. In June of 2009, a 24-year-old woman, the daughter of one of Ratzon's "wives," filed a complaint against him with the Tel Aviv police. The mother, who was arrested along with Ratzon, is suspected of introducing her biological daughter, then 14, to the healer for purposes of sex; she is now facing charges of encouraging and failing to report underage sex. Using Clause 375a of a new Israeli law

against human-trafficking that makes it a crime to hold a person "in conditions of slavery," police then tapped Ratzon's phones and began surveillance. Parallel to the police investigation, parents of some of the young women hired private detectives to launch an undercover inquiry. If formally charged, Ratzon faces a maximum 16-year prison term for each of the slavery and rape charges. Through his lawyer, Ratzon denied the allegations. After so many years of inaction, the police seem confident they can prove his guilt. "We have managed to gather a great deal of evidence relating to the offenses of holding people under conditions of enslavement and rape," deputy commander Shlomi Michael, head of the Tel Aviv police's Central Unit, told reporters.

- With reporting by Yonit Farago / Tel Aviv

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Yahoo! News

<http://news.yahoo.com/>

| 31482|2010-01-19 12:57:15|Manu Ampim|Re: Donate to red cross? NO!|  
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Greetings Sekhmet,

Thanks for the reply. Regarding Wyclef Jean and Yele Haiti there are two separate issues. The most directly relevant to earthquake relief is the suspicious and shady bookkeeping and tax records of Yele. Some of this shady bookkeeping may have to do with Wyclef Jean's financial problems and the foreclosure on his \$2.4 million Miami-Dade home in December 2008.

Here is some of the evidence:

<http://www.thesmokinggun.com/archive/years/2010/0114102wyclef1.html>

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The second issue which concerns many activists regarding Wyclef Jean (which is not directly relevant to the relief effort) is that in 2004 he was a vocal supporter of the former dictator Duvalier's thugs, who were destroying Haiti and working to topple the legitimate President Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Wyclef Jean erroneously claimed that these forces were not rebels but simply everyday people, and he called on Aristide to step down. A few days later on February 29, 2004, the Bush Administration (aided by France) kidnapped Aristide, removed him from office, and sent Aristide and his wife on a 20-hour flight to the Central African Republic.

Here is a recent interview with Randall Robinson on the illegal U.S. activity in Haiti and the kidnapping of Aristide:

Randall Robinson is author of *An Unbroken Agony: Haiti, from Revolution to the Kidnapping of a President*.

[http://www.democracynow.org/2010/1/15/bush\\_was\\_responsible\\_for\\_destroying\\_haitian](http://www.democracynow.org/2010/1/15/bush_was_responsible_for_destroying_haitian)

Wyclef Jean may be a young brother genuinely trying to help but as I indicated most local SF/Oak activists support these two Haitian relief efforts instead of Yele:

<http://www.haitiact.ion.net/About/HERF/HERF.html>

<http://www.ibw21.org/>

Advancing the work,  
Manu A.

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----- Original Message -----

**From:** [sekhmet Johnson](#)

**To:** [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com)

**Cc:** [Profmanu@acninc.net](mailto:Profmanu@acninc.net)

**Sent:** Tuesday, January 19, 2010 10:37 AM

**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Donate to red cross? NO!

Hello Manu Ampim,

thanks for the links to different donation sites and what items need to be donated for the victims. I know most folks no longer trust the American Red Cross....with due cause of their history; but I have no problem with Yele Haiti under the direction of Wyclef Jean, a Haitian himself. Of course you may have more information than I do, but he is young and trying to help as an individual. He can't realistically reach out to as many people as some other larger groups, but he is recognized as a fellow Haitian and has been helping them since the last two hurricanes hit Haiti. If I am wrong, please let me...and others on the forum..know, thanks.

BTW, I don't know him personally but I do listen to hip-hop on occasion....LOL!!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/19/10, Manu Ampim** wrote:

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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Donate to red cross? NO!

To: [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com)

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 11:38 AM

There is no doubt that the records of both the Red Cross and Yele are shaky at best.

Most Black activists in the SF/Oakland Bay Area have donated to either the **Haiti**

**Emergency Relief Fund**

<http://www.haitiact ion.net/About/ HERF/HERF. html>

or

The **Haiti Support Project**

<http://www.ibw21. org/>

Here is the next large community event:

POCC and Haiti Action Committee presents

Haiti Relief Update Event - On Sunday, Jan. 24th at 7pm at the Black Dot Cafe, 1195 Pine St. in West Oakland

Pierre Labossierre, the cofounder of the Haiti Action Committee, will be giving the people an update on history, what is happening on the ground in Haiti, and what is most urgently needed during the recovery period.

Please bring medical supplies and clothes. Financial proceeds will go to the Block Report Radio show/ The SF BayView Newspaper putting a media and medical team

on the ground in Haiti within the coming weeks.

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Advancing the work,  
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"...or you refrain from spreading DISinformation. ."

Hello Ginger,  
the article isn't false, and I have no great love for the Red Cross managers and their theft of donations which is WELL documented.. .been there, even lived next door to a corporate office which was a joke IMO. I worked with the R C volunteers on occasions and they were sincere in wanting to help disaster victims, but got stabbed in the back by their own corporate managers and "start up" swindlers claiming to be "Red Cross volunteers" or "victims" themselves.

Nope, haven't been to NOLA lately, but I know those folks are still suffering from the LACK of response viewed around the globe...most embarrassing to me as a healthcare worker, but not a "surprise" really. It IS the South still, and the mind-set hasn't changed much at all from the days of slavery IMO.

To return to "DISinformation" regarding Haiti...those folks have NO information coming in at all because they have no electricity, and no fuel/travel. ...ala NOLA and Mississippi who seldom gets mentioned in the media, because only the poor were MOST effected.

"...questioning my intentions in regard to this article..."

I am not questioning your intentions about this or any other articles you send, and you can of course advise others not to donate to the Red Cross at all....no problem with me. But in your original post you didn't give an alternative group to send money to and those people need help now, ... but thanks for the reply.

Sekhmet

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| 31483|2010-01-19 13:49:10|cristofori whitakara|nile valley medicine|

Attachments :

[January 19.doc](#)

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| 31484|2010-01-19 16:10:51|nathaniel x vance|Why Haiti is so poor|

Dear Group,

By golly, most of the information given including jrswriter comments are utterly correct concerning **why Haiti is so Poor!** Without a doubt, there is a long-standing gross conspiracy to destroy or undermine the entire Haitian nation and their Afro-descendant citizens. This is a sign of the BEAST, and as usual, the warmongering west is synchronized in doing all that they can to keep Haiti and us all in some form of bondage and pain even in america today as well!

I did not know about Haiti having **OIL deposits, which** were found recently! If this is so, such will prove fatal to the independence of Haiti, as the west and america like whoring drug addicts, will become even more desperate antagonists than before if **OIL** is thrown into the mix!

Thanks for the information. Now we know what has caused Haiti to be so poor beyond a shadow of doubt! However, if there is one thing that we all can look forward to it is this, the vicious colonialist clock has but three more remaining years or less on it before the whole wicked edifice will come crashing down. Thereafter, all the greedy wicked on this present world will be removed.

### **Why Haiti Is So Poor: By jrswriter**

**<[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Luv4self\\_Network/message/59548](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Luv4self_Network/message/59548)>**

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**<<http://www.inaltreparole.net/en/world/haitistoria140110.html>>**

The wicked **ENDTIME** - NOT the **RIGHTEOUS!** <http://Zetaheaven.org>:

| 31485|2010-01-19 16:10:54|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News|

Maybe I should call this "Travelers not able to see the Big Picture"....

I want to send a "Ta-Ta Yah!!!" to the Royal Caribbean corporate offices for understanding that while Port-au Prince is devastated, the rest of Haiti is still up and running and they need tourist jobs and tourism dollars to continue even at this time. Haitians on other parts of the country are taking in fellow Haitians that lost everything, so the tourism jobs are essential at this time. Also, the cruise ships can indeed deliver supplies and personnel that passengers don't even need/get to see on such a large ship.

This is not a scandal, but a chance for the cruise line to make a humanitarian effort while they work on the cruise line BUSINESS....win-win for everyone!!!

Sekhmet

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Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 3:49 PM




[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ynews/20100119/ts\\_ynews/ynews\\_ts1063](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ynews/20100119/ts_ynews/ynews_ts1063)

### **Royal Caribbean's decision to dock ships at Haitian resort creates controversy**



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*Cruise Ship Uproar in Haiti*

-  [Slideshow: Massive earthquake hits Haiti](#)
-  [Play Video Video: U.S. Coast Guard surveying Haiti's ports](#) AP
-  [Play Video Video: Chaos, violence grip Haiti, slowing aid delivery](#) AP



*AFP* *Oasis of the Seas, the world*

*biggest and most expensive cruise ship ever built arrives from Turku, Finland,*

2hrs27mins ago

By now, most of us have seen and heard about the profound devastation and suffering wrought upon Haiti last week after a massive earthquake. So you'd probably think there's no way that cruising tourists could have returned to frolicking on Haiti's beaches mere miles from where people are trapped beneath the rubble of a decimated city. Unfortunately, you'd be wrong.

On Sunday, [the Guardian reported](#) that Florida-based Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines is docking ships at the "picturesque wooded peninsula" known as Labadee, which it leases on Haiti's northern coast. At Labadee, passengers "enjoy jetski rides, parasailing, and rum cocktails delivered to their hammocks." [The British paper also reported](#) that passengers can spend their time "shopping for trinkets at a craft market" while armed guards stand at the entry to the complex to guarantee their safety. Despite the fact that the ships [have delivered relief supplies](#) to the island, some passengers on the ships are reportedly "sickened" over the decision to dock there. One passenger took to an Internet message board to protest the idea of vacationing where "tens of thousands of dead people are being piled up on the streets, with the survivors stunned and looking for food and water."

When Royal Caribbean [announced its decision](#) to resume stops at Labadee last week, a company executive cited the economic importance of the resort to the local citizens as well as the opportunity to deliver much-needed supplies.

"We also have tremendous opportunities to use our ships as transport vessels for relief supplies and personnel to Haiti," said associate vice president John Weis. "Simply put, we cannot abandon Haiti now that they need us most."

Still, Royal Caribbean, which recently raised eyebrows when it announced that it's [organizing a "cougar cruise"](#) for older single women, has been catching heat from all corners on their decision, prompting company CEO Adam Goldstein to post a defense of the company on their website. Saying that he is "proud of what our people and our ships are doing," [Goldstein writes](#):

*The ships going back to Labadee, including Navigator of the Seas today, are obviously making a very valuable contribution to the relief effort by offloading supplies at Labadee. The media understand this and generally have written and spoken about the relief effort in positive terms. But in the last 24 hours, sparked by an article in the Guardian in the UK, a different and more critical view has emerged that questions how our guests can justify having a good time in Labadee when there is such misery less than 100 miles away.*

*My view is this - it isn't better to replace a visit to Labadee (or for that matter, to stay on the ship while it's docked in Labadee) with a visit to another destination for a vacation. Why? Because being on the island and generating economic activity for the straw market vendors, the hair-braiders and our 230 employees helps with relief while being somewhere else does not help. These 500 people are going to need to support a much larger network of family and friends, including many who are in (or are missing in) the earthquake zone. Also, the north is going to bear a good part of the burden of the agony of the south, and the more economic support there is to the north, the better able the north will be to bear this burden. People enjoying themselves is what we do. People enjoying themselves in Labadee helps with relief. We support our guests who choose to help in this way which is consistent with our nearly 30 year history in Haiti.*

- Brett Michael Dykes is a contributor to the Yahoo! News blog

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<http://news.yahoo.com/>

| 31486|2010-01-19 16:10:59|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Cristofori/old nubia|

Hello Cristorofi,

I have a "military family" also, and I don't see a problem with civilians not understanding the

military mind or actions, up to a point.

Nationality....I don't understand why that is a problem for anyone, especially someone in the military or ex-military. The training is superior as is the educational opportunities unless you are involved in some kind of "underground military" thing where the emphasis is on proopaganda teachings and fiction to overthrow the existing government which would be to your individual favor,rather than historical facts. But that is just how I see the term "nationality"....one belongs to a certain nation/land and defends it - period.

The only problem I have had is when the dominant culture tells me to "love it or leave it"...like they are indigenous to the Americas.....ROTFL!!!

All my research of Africa points out other nations sought out African warriors, sometimes referring to them as the Moors collectively, regardless of what part of Africa they were from. But that was in the past, nowadays .. totally different mind-set about Africans/blacks with guns....LOL!!

I don't want my sons going to war, but I also don't want some foreign nationals coming to the USA and blowing crap up either. Or should I say, "Better the devil you know..." I already know what to expect from the homegrown nutbars and the laws of this land.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/19/10, cristofori whitakara** wrote:

From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 12:52 PM

coming from a military family i have a problem with nationality because we quickly join the military forces blindly blowing up our stuff because they ordered to do so. i get the fiercest arguments from relatives about my opinions of joining the armed forces.

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 7:14 PM

"...Marcus Garvey....an African army..."

Hello Cristofori.. .

yeah...(((heavy sigh)))...and not just Garvey, but every other black male/female leader trying to get or maintain support and knowledge of other black people(s). I may still have an article I sent to another forum about Haile Selassie during WW II. It is disturbing how folks come together to destroy any Africans throughout history....



Sekhmet

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everytime an african is attacked i think of marcus garvey. i think he spoke of a an african military force to protect africans and things african?

--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 1:46 PM

Hello Cristofori,

I am constantly amazed at the mistreatment of black Africans and Africa itself at the hands of the descendants of the Greco-Roman Empire (((shaking my head))). I wrote to the U.S. diplomatic core about building the dam without regard to the people living there, and any archaeological history that would be lost under tons of water!!! Guess my words fell on deaf ears....again, because it was just a bunch of black folks becoming homeless and without proof of any history from the ancient past (((heavy sigh))).

Thanks for the link, read copy below to clearly understand the above comments..-Sekhmet

### **SOS Save the Nubians : The Nubian Tsunami**

The Nubian who strived hard over several centuries to maintain identity, culture and heritage. The descendants of great African Civilizations are always subject to well orchestrated , manipulated and systematic ethnic cleansing. This cleansing process took different shapes: -inundation of Nubian land "Aswan Dam High Dam Meroi Dam", deprivation from all central government services (no Medicare or education), marginalization (overlooking of Nubians as active and existing minority) and make their land as such rejecting to force Nubians to abandon it

Since the construction of the High Dam in 1964, the Nubians have sacrificed their heritage and land for the welfare of Egypt and Sudan. The Nubians were dispersed all over the Sudan and Egypt as well as in many countries around the globe. Some who strived and struggled to remain on the shores of Lake Nubian have made the resurrection of Wade Half a forced reality.

Those who were forcefully relocated in Butana plains in eastern Sudan suffered as the New Halfa Project collapsed gradually for many reasons of mismanagement, poor drainage, and

invasion of shrubs and weeds. Now most of them are scattered all over the outskirts of Sudanese towns and cities. The whole Nubian land in Wadi Halfa, Sikkout and Mahas have suffered from marginalization , overlooking and neglect. In spite of the suffering the Nubians did not spare an opportunity or an effort to reconstruct the land of their ancestors and have submitted several proposals to the authorities which were , unfortunately, ignored.

On the other hand several of those who were relocated (e.g. those from Argin ) have returned in large numbers and tried hard to establish a decent life on the western shores of the Nile where old Argin existed. They built houses and developed a number of agricultural projects on their own initiatives without any support from the government of Sudan. Instead of helping Nubian people, by rebuilding Wadi Halfa and supporting Argin projects, the government decided to sell 6.1 million feddans( 1.6 m announced to fake reality) of the Nubian land to Egypt for irrigation with waters extracted from the Nubian Aquifer . All this took place in full exclusion of the Nubians who have in the past built a civilization which is still echoing its flavour and pride all over the world.

The Nubians as one of several other marginalized and overlooked indigenous minorities of Sudan hoped, while Sudan is advancing towards the dawn Peace following the sign of Peace at Nivasha (Kenya between Government of Sudan and the SPLA/M of South Sudan), that the government would have handled this matter with what it deserves from transparency and have strived to allow the Sudanese people in general and the Nubians in particular to participate in shaping their future in a participatory fashion. Alternatively what is happening is that such important decisions as using the water from the Nubian Aquifer and land are being handled in secrecy and without the involvement of the people who own this wealth historically. Several of the members of the ruling party has been allocated hundreds of thousands of feddans from Nubian land for their own use and benefit!!

We plead to the international community to share with the Nubians the concern that these resources are not only for the Nubians but for all the future generations of the Sudan in the south, the north, the west and the east. The Nubian Aquifer is the natural reservoir of water supplies for coming generations of the Sudanese. It is worth noting also that the current century have been declared the "water century " pointing to the importance of judicious and wise use of this precious resource in a sustainable way. This is a calamity that exceeds all sufferings the Nubians went through in their history and could be compared in its damaging scale and magnitude to the recent Tsunami crisis in the Far East and South Asia waters.. .

In consideration of the above the Nubian voice their strong objection to what is being done in breach and violation of the right of Nubians in their lands and ground water. Indeed, the Nubians support proper investment and prosperity of the people living in the Nile Valley . However, this investment should observe the legal and historic rights of the Nubian People who live in these areas As well as the concerns of the future generations of the whole Sudanese People. We appeal to the free and concerned world to address the Government of Sudan to:

1. to develop a legal document which conserves the common property rights of the Nubian People to the water and land resources in this area

2. To speed up the formation of the Land Authority in the Northern State . The Authority should be given legal jurisdictions for any investment in the area
3. Provide enough water for the agricultural schemes in the Nubian Lands from Wadi Halfa to Dongola
4. To establish Authority for the development of all Agricultural Schemes in the Northern States. This authority should be the only legal body with jurisdiction over any future use of land and water resources in Nubian Land. The authority should have the power to oversee and provide governance to all investment and development issues related to irrigation, cropping and natural resource management. All private and public investors should get permission to undertake any development activities from this agency

My goodness; shades of Katrina just keep rearing it's ugly head....now what about Haiti?  
Sekhmet

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<http://www.thenubia n.net/nubold. php>

| 31487|2010-01-19 16:11:09|Lamar Perryman|Fw: [blackpowermovement] Why Haiti is so poor|

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Dear Group,

By golly, most of the information given including jrswriter comments are utterly correct concernin **Haiti is so Poor!** Without a doubt, there is a long-standing gross conspiracy to destroy or underr entire Haitian nation and their Afro-descendant citizens. This is a sign of the BEAST, and as usual, warmongering west is synchronized in doing all that they can to keep Haiti and us all in some form bondage and pain even in america today as well!

I did not know about Haiti having **OIL deposits, which** were found recently! If this is so,such wi fatal to the independence of Haiti, as the west and america like whoring drug addicts, will become more desperate antagonists than before if **OIL** is thrown into the mix!

Thanks for the information. Now we know what has caused Haiti to be so poor beyond a shadow of doubt! However, if there is one thing that we all can look forward to it is this, the vicious colonialist clock has but three more remaining years or less on it before the whole wicked edifice will come crashing down. Thereafter, all the greedy wicked on this present world will be removed.

**Why Haiti Is So Poor: By jrswriter**

<[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Luv4self\\_Network/message/59548](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Luv4self_Network/message/59548)>

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The wicked **ENDTIME** - NOT the **RIGHTEOUS!** <http://Zetaheaven.org>:

| 31488|2010-01-19 16:11:30|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Polygyny/Ploygamy in Africa: An African Male's post|

"I don't get....polygamy (et al)...a human rights issue...."

Hello Agola, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

Perhaps it is the gender issue mixed with religion, morals and man's laws around the world. I could be mistaken, but I don't know of any country or society - new or old - that allowed/allows multiple husbands for any reason. But most - new and old - just ignore multiple wives, or depending on political or natural decline/increase in the number of men just sort of overlook multiple wives unless the wives "go missing" for some reason or another. They usually discuss some reason(s) why it is/was normal for a select few for one reason or another, or they want to say what some deity did/didn't do at the beginning of time....I ain't that old, so I don't know myself....ROTFL!!! But they usually point out the Pharaohs or some other god-king that had multiple wives to shore up their argument FOR polygamy. If you know, maybe you can tell me if the average ancient Egyptians had multiple wives too, not just the leaders.

Anyhoo, I sent a post to the ta seti forum about an Israeli with more than 30 wives, living in squalor and charged with abuse and rape. I can send you a copy if you want, because I would think having that many wives a dirty home and "rape" wouldn't be an issue for any man, and not just because he is Jewish either. It may be just me, but polygamy doesn't seem to be a "favorite" lifestyle for women globally, only men like the idea....until they get three or more harpies in the house....ROTFL!!!

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Tue, 1/19/10, Agola Kisira** wrote:

From: Agola Kisira

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny/Ploygamy in Africa: An African Male's post

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 11:18 AM

I don't get it, exactly why is Polygamy, Polyandry or polyamory (or the lack of it,

perhaps celibacy too) a "Human Rights" issue. This seem to be hypocrisy especially coming from people that think of alternative lifestyles (LGBT) as civil rights issues.

In peace

Just my 2 cents

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**From:** "Ta\_Seti@yahoogroup s.com"  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Sent:** Tue, 19 January, 2010 4:18:34  
**Subject:** [Ta\_Seti] Digest Number 3680

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**Posted by: "Manu Ampim" [Profmanu@acninc.net](mailto:Profmanu@acninc.net) m\_ampim**

**Mon Jan18,2010 9:16am (PST)**

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Sons Of AfrikaFor more than 20 years, I have argued that Dr. King is the most misrepresented and misunderstood figure in U.S. history. He has

been systematically reduced from one of the most important political activists of our era to simply an abstract and naive "dreamer." Most people have not read \*any\* of Dr. King's books or essays, and thus I continue to present my primary research on MLK to challenge the gross distortions of his political legacy. Now is the time to stop the spread of ignorance about King.

Myth of the "Nonviolent Tradition"

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King Supported Black Power

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Posted by: "Li (wiseladyowl)" [wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com)  
[wiseladyowl](#)

**Mon Jan18,2010 9:48am (PST)**

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Thank you!

--- On Mon, 1/18/10, [shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net) <[shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net)> wrote:

From: [shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net) <[shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net)>  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post  
To: [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups .com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com)  
Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 7:57 AM

Lady Wise Owl,

Here is the link to Khemetic Science Temple:

[Khemeticscience.ning.com](http://Khemeticscience.ning.com)

Peace-n-Blessings,

Shri Sa Hetep

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

From: "Li \ (wiseladyowl\ )" <

Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 11:30:18 -0800 (PST)

To:

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

Thank you so much for this I will be waiting for your post on the site because im most interested in knowing about OUR culture not the eurocentric influenced culture imposed upon our ppl by their invaders.

--- On Sun, 1/17/10, shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net wrote:

From: shrisahetep@ sbcglobal. net

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Sunday, January 17, 2010, 2:14 PM

Sis Sekhmet Lady Wise Owl,

You are more than welcome, I am glad this article helps shed light on the subject. Credit really goes to a Sister named Earth, administrator of the Kemetic Science Temple social network. I would like to post a link for the network, but I am away from home at moment. It will be posted later today. Her network provides great information on how we can keep Kemetic Culture alive.

Peace

Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

From: sekhmet Johnson

Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 17:39:29 -0800 (PST)

To:

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

Excellent paper, Shri ...thanks for sharing.

Sekhmet

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--- On Sat, 1/16/10, Shri Sa Hetep wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 7:12 PM

Here is the link from my last post: Polygyny in Africa: A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality

<http://www.bu.edu/wcp/Papers/Afri/AfriGbot.htm>

Peace,

Shri Sa Hetep

From: Shri Sa Hetep  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Sent: Sat, January 16, 2010 8:04:35 PM  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Polygyny in Africa: An African Male's post

Polygyny in Africa:  
A Male's Post-Original Sin or Rejection of the Primeval Monogyny and Affirmation of Sexual Inequality

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**ABSTRACT:** Whereas numerous African creation myths are supportive of cultural practices such as circumcision, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify polygyny. There are many proverbs about



polygamy. However, proverbs do not have the same weight as myths in explaining why certain things should be the way they are. African creation myths suggest that monogyny was the original practice not only among creator-gods, but also among the original humans. The pursuit of immortality through procreation is noble. Nevertheless, its achievement through polygyny discriminate against women. So, polygyny is a sexist cultural practice that has no genuine religious basis. It is a "post-original" sin as well as a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to and enforcement of human rights laws.

At all times, humans have recurred to religion, magical and mythical beliefs to explain why certain things are and should be the way they are. So for example, the Dogon and Bambara cosmology explains the practice of circumcision by saying, among other things, that it is a mechanism devised to rid boys and girls of their "native androgyny" or "dual soul,"<sup>(1)</sup> thereby stabilizing and allowing them to procreate. In other words, "Male circumcision and female excision are necessary to establish the sex of the adult without question" (Taoko, 1975, p. 14). Another religious reason given is the need to pay a blood-debt to Mother-Earth (Griaule, 1965). The Isoko and Urhobo of the Delta State, Nigeria, circumcise women during the advanced stages of their pregnancy because of the legendary belief that, if left uncircumcised, "the clitoris will cause symbolic or spiritual injury to the baby."<sup>(2)</sup>

Whereas many African myths and legends are supportive of circumcision and many other cultural practices, there are very few, if any, creation myths that justify the widespread custom of polygyny. Of course, there are many proverbs about polygamy and co-wives. But proverbs do not have the same weight as myths. Indeed, the former are humans' sayings, whereas the latter are sacred literatures, so to speak. Numerous African creation myths develop the idea that monogyny was the original practice among creator-gods and among the first human couples. After reading numerous creation myths, I have identified five of them which substantiate this claim. These myths are representative of five geographic areas of sub-Saharan Africa, that is, the northern, southern, eastern, western, and central Africa.

With the exception for The Plant of life, a Nyamwezi story, Tanzania, in which Shida Matunda created all things as well as two women whom he took as wives, virtually all married divinities were monogamists. Furthermore, in my research I came across only one instance in which a God gave the original man, Moon, more than a wife, Morningstar and Eveningstar; but Moon was given the second wife only after God had called the first one to go and live in the sky. Consequently, I contend that African religions are not the authentic foundation of polygyny, or the

practice of having more than one wife or female mate at one time. What is more, the pursuit of personal immortality through procreation could possibly be a religious reason for polygyny. Immortality is a noble goal for every human being. The achievement of that goal through polygyny, however, discriminates against women. It is the highest expression of sexual Darwinism, male's Hobbesian egoism, androcentrism and will to power. A sexist pursuit of immortality cannot be a plausible religious practice. Consequently, polygyny is not only a male's post-original sin, but also a social and moral evil. It must be dismantled through education and sociopolitical commitment to human rights.

## I. The Original Monogyny and Equality of Sexes

The term 'monogyny' means the practice or custom of being married to one person at a time. By 'original monogyny' I mean the divine and the original man's custom of being married to one goddess or one wife at a time. I prefer the term 'monogyny' to 'monogamy' for five reasons. First, the male divinity tends to be the dominant character in almost all creation myths. He is the one who marries the female divinity. Secondly, in these myths, the male is usually created first, and sometimes he has to create and to name the female whom he then marries. Thirdly, in Lingala, a language spoken in the Congos, 'kobala' means "to marry"; "mobali" means not only "male", "man", "husband", but also and incidentally "he who marries". On the other hand, "mwasi" means "female", "woman", "wife", but it does not mean "she who marries". Fourthly, every monogyny is a monogamy but not every monogamy is a monogyny. Fifthly and finally, "monogyny" contrasts with "polygyny" better than "monogamy." Despite the apparently passive role that the Goddess or the woman plays in the original couple, it is usually a happy couple. The anteriority of maleness has nothing to do with masculine superiority. Usually, the idea of inferiority is expressed only in relation to the original sin, in which the woman is depicted as the 'weak sex,' and as the cause of death or of the loss of the original immortality. However, this is irrelevant for the present work perspective. My primary intention is to stress the original equality based upon the original monogyny, and to show that the actual practice of polygyny is a cultural one. It is sinful, because it is the male's challenge to the original monogyny.

A. The Original Divine Monogyny: One God, One Goddess: Numerous African creation myths suggest that creation-gods were monogynists. Here are three of these myths:

1. From Death and the Creator, a Kono story, Guinea, west Africa, we learn that: At the beginning there was nothing. In the darkness of the world lived a, Death, with his wife and only daughter. In order to be able

to live somewhere, Sa created an immense sea of mud, by means of magic. One day Alatangana, the God, appeared, and visited Sa in his dirty abode. Shocked by this state of affairs, Alatangana reproached Sa fiercely, saying that he had created an inhabitable place, without plants, without living beings, without light.

To remedy these faults, Alatangana set out first of all to solidify the dirt. He thus created the earth, but the earth still seemed to him too sterile and too sad, and so he created vegetation and animals of all kinds.. Sa, who was satisfied with these improvements of his dwelling place, entertained great friendship for Alatangana and offered him much hospitality. . After sometime Alatangana, who was a bachelor, asked his host for the hand of his only daughter. But the father found many excuses and in the end flatly refused to satisfy his demand. However, Alatangana came to a secret agreement with the young girl. He married her and in order to escape the wrath of Sa they fled to a remote corner of the earth. There they lived happily and bore many children: seven boys and seven girlsfour white boys and girls and three black boys and girls (Beier, 1988, pp. 3-4).

2. In *The Pitcher and the Basket*, an Issansu story, Tanzania, east Africa, the sun (husband) and the moon (wife) are referred to as the original (divine) couple. Reference is also made to the original human couple, Kiula (husband) and Isamba (wife).

3. In *The Disobedience of Man*, an Efik Story, Nigeria, north-western Africa, Abassi, the supreme God, is said to have had a wife called Atai (Ibidem, pp. 60-61). The divine monogyny was also practiced by the first male.

B. Monogyny Among the Original Human Couples: One Man, One Woman. The following myths indicate that the first man (male) was a monogynist.

1. From *How Moon Fathered the World*, a Wakaranga story, Zimbabwe, southern Africa, we learn that:

"God made a man whom he called Moon. Moon first lived at the bottom of the sea. Moon wanted to go and live on the earth, but God warned him: Life on the earth is hard and you will regret it. But Moon went to the earth. In those days the earth was void and inhabited. There were no trees, no plants, no animals. Moon was unhappy and wept. God said: I warned you, but you did not listen. Nevertheless I will help you. You shall have a wife, who will live with you for two years. God sent Morningstar to live with Moon. [...]during the night Moon[...]had intercourse with Morningstar. The following morning he saw that Morningstar" s body had swelled up. And she gave birth to trees, grasses

and all kinds of plants until the entire world was green. [...].. Moon and Morningstar lived a life of plenty. They ate seeds and roots. But when the two years were up, God called Morningstar away and sent her to live in the sky.. Moon wept for eight days. Then God gave him a second wife and he said: She will live with you for two years. But at the end of that time you must die. Eveningstar went and lived with Moon for two years. Moon slept with Eveningstar and on the following day her belly swelled up. She gave birth to goats, sheep and cows. On the second day she gave birth to antelopes and birds. But on the third day she gave birth to boys and girls[...]" (Ibid., pp. 15-17).

2. In *The Revolt Against God*, a Fang story, Gabon, central Africa, it is said: "At the beginning of things, when there was nothing, God was and he was called Nzame. Nzame made everything, including the first man, Fam which means power. Fam became arrogant and stopped worshipping Nzame. His punishment was death. Then Nzame created the second man and father of all. He called him Sekume. Nzame did not want to leave him alone, so he said, "Make yourself a woman from a tree."

Sekume made himself a woman and she walked and he called her Mbongwe.[... ] (Ibid., pp.. 18-22).

Strictly based upon the aforementioned myths, it makes sense to speculate that "one God, one goddess and one man, one woman was the creator-god( s)" and the original humans' *modus vivendi*.

### C. Implications of the Original Monogyny

In many African creation myths, as in Genesis, the first book of the bible, gods create humans in their image and likeness.<sup>(3)</sup> This means that the monogynous gods expect all humans to be like them in terms of their conjugal practices. In other words, the divine monogyny is supposed to become the humans' way of life, unless exceptional circumstances for example, shortage of men or women require polygamy. Of course, a perfect equality among sexes implies that polygamy refers to both polygyny and polyandry, none of which is an ideal marital arrangement. Unfortunately, when one talks about polygamy in Africa today, reference is almost automatically made to its polygynous form. One is so used to this state of affairs that one naturally believes that polygamy and polygyny are synonymous. One might even believe that polygyny is a kind of divine gift to men only. Whereas many Westerners conceive of myths as something diametrically opposed to reality, many traditional Africans hardly discriminate between myth and reality. For them, myth is reality. But if this were always the case, then why is it that monogyny is not seen as the right thing to do, since numerous creation myths talk about creator-gods and original humans, most of whom practiced monogamy? One has the impression that for the patriarchal

African society, not every myth is reality. However, some myths are or become reality as long as they serve the best interests of men.. Given the legendary religiosity and/or spirituality of the African people, there should be some sort of religious or at least pseudo-religious bases for polygyny. These bases are likely to be, among others, some African conception of immortality.

#### D. Procreation, Immortality and Polygyny

Unlike western thought, in which the concept of "immortality" basically refers to the soul, African thought seems to conceive of immortality in terms of reincarnation/ rebirth or the continued existence of the dead among the living. The living persons have the "innate wish to exist for ever." Nevertheless, since death is unavoidable, they prolong their existence as living persons in their descendants. That is why in his book, *La Philosophie- Bantoue Rwandaise de l'Etre*, Alexis Kagame writes that for the muntu or the human being, to perpetuate oneself through reproduction becomes the goal of his or her being in the world (1956, p. 148). Only when the ancestors have no further living descendants are they completely dead. In this sense, polygyny is seen as having a spiritual value inasmuch as it is "pleasing to the ancestors" (Kilbride, 1994, p. 110). It follows that to a great extent, immortality is achieved via procreation.

Moreover, in Africa, elders depend on their numerous children to provide security in their old age. Consequently, in these male-dominated societies, men believe to guarantee such security and deathlessness through polygyny. This custom has been justified by means of proverbs and sayings.

#### II. The Cultural Argument: African Proverbs and Sayings on Women and Polygyny

In Africa, oral traditions are filled with proverbs and sayings on polygyny and co-wives. But polygyny is a controversial cultural issue among Africans. Not all African men are polygynists and not all proverbs and sayings are supportive of polygyny. Pursuant to African wisdom, I would like to show the controversial character of polygyny in a proverbial exchange between two African sages, Songolo and Pakala, who proverbially voice their views on this conjugal custom. The former supports the practice and the latter is against it.

Songolo: To have one wife is to be one-eyed.. (Luba proverb, Democratic Republic of CongoDRC)

Pakala: A man with one wife is chief among the unmarried. (Ganda proverb, Uganda)

Songolo: A man whose only wife falls ill, gets thin. (Ganda) If you marry two, you'll die all the younger. (Luba)

Pakala: Two wives, two pots of poison. (Gikuyu proverb, Kenya) It is hunger that killed the man with many wives. (Ashanti proverb, Ghana, West Africa)

Songolo: Only one wife, only one jar in one's basket. (Yaka, DRC)

Pakala: There is nothing but poverty in polygamy. (Akan, Ghana) A thousand wives, a thousand palavers.. (Ashanti)

Songolo: Beat the bad wife with a new wife. (Nobiin, Sudan)

Pakala: The first one makes the home. (Tonga, Zambia)

Despite the awareness of problems inherent to polygyny, many men are not ready to give it up. They would use proverbs and tradition to justify their practice. The problem is that the argument from the common belief is often fallacious. Additionally, the appeal to proverbs is an ad verecundiam argument, or a false appeal to authority. This is the case because of disagreements among proverbs on polygyny. Finally, proverbs are human sayings and as such some of them are wrong. They are dogmatic formulas, often authored by men (males), to foster their hegemonic masculinity. Consequently, although some traditionalists refer to proverbs to defend polygyny, proverbs fail to provide us with a sound religious basis for it. If neither creation myths, nor proverbs provide a religious foundation for polygyny for the above mentioned reasons, then polygyny is a post-original sin, and/or at least a social and moral evil.

### III. Polygyny as an Evil

#### A. Polygyny as "Male's Post-Original Sin"

The original sin is usually explained as the human desire to be God, revolt against God, disobedience, etc, all of which are said to have been initiated by the original woman. For this reason, women are also referred to as the 'temptresses,' 'weak' or 'second sex.' But if it is true that God wanted one Adam and one Eve, not one Adam or Sekume and three Eves or Mbongwes, thereby affirming the equality of sexes, then polygyny is a cultural practice that violates the will of God(s). Anything that violates the will of God(s) is sinful. Therefore polygyny is sinful. It is the most sexist "post-original sin", because through it, man (= the male) rejects the original equality of sexes, which was expressed via the original monogyny. Through it, men transform the so-called battle of sexes into

misogyny.

#### B. Polygyny as a Social Evil

Polygyny is also a social evil. It is the means by which men subjugate women, thereby exerting sexual/social Darwinism.. It treats women as inferior beings, sexual objects and commercial commodities. In polygynist societies with exception for Muslim societies, where the number of wives is limited to four wealthy men can have as many women as they want, as long as they can afford the dowry. Some of those societies perform clitoridectomy or infibulation in order to hopefully control women's sexuality or infidelity.

#### C. Polygyny as a 'Necessary' Moral Evil

Polygyny is a form of violence and injustice perpetrated against women. It is at odds with the Kantian categorical imperative relative to the respect for the person (Kant, 1959).(4) Through polygyny, men treat women as means to their own ends such as progeny, "immortality", wealth, social status, and of course, sexual gratification. Some polygynists believe, however, that polygyny is a necessary evil, mainly for three 'moral' reasons. First, it is said to cut down on male infidelity and to allow greater sexual equality in terms of extramarital affairs than is the case with monogamy. Secondly, it is believed to be a better alternative to prostitution due to the imbalance in the sex ratio (Mbiti 1989, 139). Of course, the first so-called moral argument is androcentric or masculinist. Additionally, it claims to solve a moral problem the male infidelity by creating other moral problems, that is, the use of women as means to an end; and co-wives adultery.

#### D. Polygyny as Dictatorship and as Sexism

African societies, like many other societies, are still profoundly patriarchal and sexist.. African sexism is as bad as dictatorships that have undermined many countries socioeconomic development. To fight for equality means (1) to eradicate polygyny; (2) to help the polygynists understand that their practice is sexist and to realize that the real man's sex chromosomes are XY rather than XXY chromosomes; and (3) to strive for equal educational opportunities for all.

#### IV. Conclusion: Toward the Dismantlement of Polygyny

As a cultural matter, polygyny can be eradicated not only through antipolygamy campaign and through education, but also and above all, through legal means, for example, international Conventions, Declarations, Charters, and Constitutions.

## A. International Conventions and Declarations

African countries in which polygyny is practiced have ratified the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. If this Convention is binding, then the international community's law enforcement officials, if any, have the right and the duty to take all the necessary measures that could be conducive to the dismantlement of polygyny. Indeed, this conjugal practice is a form of discrimination against women. Undoubtedly, polygyny violates the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence Against Women, adopted by the United Nations' General Assembly during its 1993 World Conference on Human Rights in Vienna, Austria. As members of the United Nations, African countries must abide by its Charter. Unarguably, polygyny violates, among others, articles 1 & 16 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 10, 1948. Art. 1 declares that, "All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights..." Regarding conjugal rights, Art. 16 proclaims that, "Men and women of full age, without any limitation due to race, nationality or religion, have the right to marry and to found a family.. They are entitled to equal rights as to marriage, during marriage and at its dissolution. ..."

## B. The African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights

In order to safeguard African society against Westerners' extremist liberal values, the Organization of the African Unity has ratified the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights. This document contains articles that could be instrumental in the antipolygyny campaign and education. For example, article 4 declares that, "[e]very human being shall be entitled to respect for his life and the integrity of his person." (Basic Documents, 1987, p. 511)(5) Obviously, polygyny shows no respect for women. Article 16 proclaims that "[e]very individual shall have the right to enjoy the best attainable state of physical and mental health" (Ibidem, p. 513). But jealousy, spousal abuse as well as the abuse of some wives by their co-wives are serious threats to many women's physical and mental health. Article 29 establishes the duty to "preserve and strengthen positive African cultural values in ... relations with other members of the society" (Ibid., p. 517). Evidently, polygyny is not a positive value. It is sexist and it is based on men's idea of women's alleged inferiority. Luckily, some African leaders have shown concern for women's condition. One of them is Nelson Mandela of South Africa.

## C. Mandela's Constitutional Proposals



Whereas the aforementioned African Charter's articles could be subject to different interpretations, the proposals made by Nelson Mandela(6) are clear. If they are adopted and enforced, they will be a constructive legal document in terms of women's conditions. In a speech to the African National Congress Constitutional Committee Workshop on Gender, Mandela proposed that:

1. The constitution for a new South Africa should unequivocally state that South Africa should not only be unitary, nonracial, and democratic, but should also be a nonsexist state
2. All laws which place women in a disadvantageous position should be abolished and be declared unconstitutional.
3. Constitutionally entrenched criteria and mechanisms should be established to break through the layers of prejudice and historical inequalities experienced by women.
4. The laws and the constitution of a democratic South Africa should enable women to articulate their demands, their priorities, and expectations.
5. The constitution should ensure a strong female presence in all decision-making processes of the new South Africa.

These proposals are plausible, because without women's representation and participation in the socioeconomic and political arenas, the struggle for women's rights and for the African development will never lead to a definitive victory. In a nutshell, I have argued that polygyny is a sexist cultural custom that has no genuine African religious foundation. African creation myths indicate that monogyny was the normal practice among virtually all African creator-gods and among the first human beings. Polygyny is a post-original sin committed by men (males). It is a culturally and morally controversial issue. It undermines the original gender equality as well as the ideal of equality expressed in the United Nations' Charter. Consequently, it should be dismantled through education, commitment to, and a rigorous enforcement of, domestic, regional, and international laws.

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## Notes

1. Androgyny is the fact of having the characteristics of both male and female. According to the Bambaras and the Dogons, for example, the prepuce represents the female characteristic in boys and the clitoris the male characteristic in girls.

2. Editors, Harvard Law Review as quoted by Arthur, 1996, p.111
3. For example, in The Revolt Against God referred to above, Nzame, Mebere, and Nkwa the Fang Trinity "created a being almost like themselves." See Beier, op. cit., p. 19. In African religions, polytheism is not necessarily at odds with the existence of one supreme God.. Minor divinities are nothing but theocratic ministers and manifestations of the supreme Being. Today, having many children does not provide security any longer, because of the cost of such things as clothing, food, and education.
4. Kant's formulation of the categorical imperative regarding the respect for the person is: "So act as to treat humanity, whether in thine own person or in that of any other, in every case as an end withal, never as means only."
5. African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights (Organization of African Unity), June 27, 1981, 21 I. L. M.. 58, has been reprinted in Basic Documents Supplement to International Law 509, ed. Louis Henkin et al., 1987.
6. Mandela's speech was entitled, "Today and Tomorrow Towards the Women's Rights Charter," November 1990.. Quoted by S. Clarke, 1993, p. 37.

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From: Peter Gray  
To: Marc Washington  
Sent: Sat, January 16, 2010 7:18:41 PM  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

Thank you that very illuminating and level-headed input. Much appreciated.

Peter

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: sami\_ra\_maati@ sbcglobal. net  
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 12:06:19 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Polygamy

I've only done a meager amount of research on polygamy and even then it was a long time ago, so I'm going solely on what I can recall off the top of my head (i.e., my 2 cents). I have to put that disclaimer in so that if or when the hackles of some of people in this thread are raised I will have already covered my assets.

One big mistake I see here is people confusing polygamy - a legitimate institution of marriage in some cultures - with "playa-ism," an immature set of behaviors whose sole purpose is for men to satisfy their sexual urges with a variety of women. The two phenomena polygamy and playa-ism - are incorrectly perceived as being one and the same.

Another mistake I see here is people erroneously assuming that the western mindset about sex and relations between the sexes is the same in western and non-western cultures. This inevitably leads to a projection of the western mindset onto cultures which have vastly different views about these matters. Women who are born and raised in america, for example, see polygamy in Afrika and assume that what happens between the sexes in their dysfunctional european based culture - male on female oppression and sexual exploitation - must necessarily be happening between the sexes in polygamous marriages in traditional Afrikan cultures. This may well be the case, but I'd like to know if anyone who believes this arrived at their conclusions based on systematically observing polygamous marriages in one or more traditional Afrikan cultures or if they made assumptions based on what they read and what they saw in their own circle of westernized friends, family and acquaintances.

From what I recall, historically polygamy came about due to the shortage of men lost in warfare or other mishaps and the need to provide a social safety net for the surviving women and children. When considering whether polygamy is a viable option in the Black community, the question is not whether certain individuals "benefit" from polygamy, but

whether or not it has a role in maintaining balance, order, stability and harmony in the community. If it's about satisfying the sexual appetites of men then it's playa-ism and should be rejected outright. Also, if it's about men controlling women (another dysfunctional aspect of western culture), again, it should be rejected outright.

If memory serves me correctly, in traditional Afrikan polygamy (and I'm generalizing here), the elements are as follows:

1. wife #1 must approve -- if she doesn't, it ain't happenin'. (Wife #1 may actually be the one who initiates it).
2. Everything is above board. No midnite creeping, etc.
3. There is a formal marriage ceremony between the man and subsequent wife (or wives) that takes place in front of the members of the community who formally sanction it.
4. The husband has duties & responsibilities toward the wives and the children which he must fulfill. If he doesn't, he's in deep doo-doo.

In contrast, the elements of playa-ism are as follows:

1. A man who is in a committed relationship (married, girlfriend) sees a woman he considers sexy and pursues her, usually without the knowledge and consent of his wife or girlfriend. Or, it could be a singleman whose goal is to sex as many women as will allow him to. This selfish and irresponsible behavior is what is being erroneously referred to as "polygamy," especially when discussed on popular radio programs like the Steve Harvey and Michael Baisden shows.
2. He has no duties or responsibilities to anyone other than himself, and is not accountable to anyone. His only goal is to use women as sources of sexual gratification.
3. In stark contrast to polygamy, there is no formal marriage ceremony or societal institution which sanctions playa-ism, which has no legitimate role in maintaining balance, harmony, stability and order in the community.

Playa-ism is ultimately destructive to the women involved, to the man himself, to the children that are inevitably born into that mess, and to the community at large.

In the final analysis, I would say that playa-ism as a means of dealing with social problems in the Black community is NOT an option, as it only degrades and drags all involved parties down. On the other hand,

polygamy is a viable option if and only if the above elements are satisfied AND the men women involved are able to cleanse themselves of dysfunctional european cultural constructs concerning sex and relationships between the sexes, andthat's a tall order.

Again, my two cents.

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3a.

**[Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans](#)**

**Posted by: "Li (wiseladyowl) " [wiseladyowl@yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com)  
[wiseladyowl](#)**

**Mon Jan18,2010 9:48am (PST)**

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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

To: [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com)

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 8:19 AM

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zeech (mixed but not confused)

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3b.

**Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans**

**Posted by: "Shri Sa Hetep" [shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shrisahetep@sbcglobal.net)  
[shrisahetep](#)**

**Mon Jan18,2010 2:20pm (PST)**

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That is like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust. Jews did not leave their religion and/or spiritual practices behind after their tragedy, why should Haitians? I only hope Haitians come back a success, just like the Jewish people did.

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From: zeecharan <[zeecharan@yahoo.com](mailto:zeecharan@yahoo.com)>

To: [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com)

Sent: Mon, January 18, 2010 8:19:58 AM

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3c.

**Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans**

**Posted by: "shirley parker" [sappie1952@yahoo.com](mailto:sappie1952@yahoo.com) sappie1952**

**Mon Jan18,2010 3:00pm (PST)**

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This is appalling..who is this jerk? I would love to see an earthquake hit where he lives and hear his reasoning behind that!

~shirley~

sin: "to miss the point of human existence"

--- On Mon, 1/18/10, Li (wiseladyowl) <[wiseladyowl@yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com)> wrote:

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To: [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com)  
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4a.

**[Re: good sheperd](#)**

**Posted by: "shirley parker" [sappie1952@yahoo.com](mailto:sappie1952@yahoo.com) sappie1952**

**Mon Jan18,2010 3:55pm (PST)**

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amazing how all of this is kept under wraps.....

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| 31489|2010-01-19 16:11:30|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Heart Q..Ghana pranksters panic ...|  
"...Ghana pranksters...DISinformation is also a sin..."

Oh for crying out loud....how unbelievably childish that was!!! I hope they catch HIS sorry behind!!! I don't know about a "sin" but I rank him right up there with "hackers" dang nutbar!!  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Mon, 1/18/10**, **Sh'mou-EL** wrote:

From: Sh'mou-EL  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Heart Q..Ghana pranksters panic ...  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 6:03 PM

Just about 12:20 Am GMT the entire population of Ghana was awaked . Pranksters panic us with Haiti type of E.Q and many people received calls from friends and family that it was just about time for and E.Q to occur. "Every one should come out".

This spread across the nation. The media picked it up...and people could not sleep.

If you know some one in Ghana you can verify how serious it was....but it did not come

I think people must be serious...DISinform ation is also a sin.

On this forum, Hebrew 777 called me 419. This person do not know me in real life. Myself and Hebrew 777 have not met before.

YAHWEH if he serves him ...serve justice.

--- On **Mon, 1/18/10, shirley parker** wrote:

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Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 10:59 PM

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| 31490|2010-01-19 16:11:35|sekhmet Johnson|Re: reason to hate black men ?|

Sorry Tafari, but the link said "forbidden" access to the article. It is just as well, I suppose, no more ammo is needed to build up an allergic reaction to black men in general, and certain ones in particular.

After Haiti, my sympathy level has taken quite a beating this week.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Mon, 1/18/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] reason to hate black men ?  
To: maatcollective@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 12:11 PM

Makes u wanna cry..... ..

i would surely understand if she grew up to hate black men..... ..

[DRC: Annuarite Tagenge: "I spent a year fleeing the LRA"](#)

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Source: IRIN Annuarite Tagenge, 17, arrived in Bunia, the main town in the northeastern Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) region of Ituri on 8 January after spending almost a year walking through the forest to reach the town to search for her siblings.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

| 31491|2010-01-19 16:11:52|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Hebrew/Preserve the father's name....|

"Where are the feminists now?"

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I am aware of the rituals spoken of in ancient societies among the priestly class, I was talking about modern day child killings of girl babies in utero or daughters sold to some old fart in "marriage" who dies in childbirth, because she was a child herself.

Now unless I am missing something - modern day - there ARE NO "matriarchal societies" anymore. Please tell me what Asian or especially African societies that are still matriarchal when you yourself sent links where they are killing African women by the CARTLOAD. Latin America USED TO BE; they traced their lineage from the mother, not the father which is why some "family names" were so dang long it was funny - to me. Now even they are patriarchal, and only preserve the father's last name.

Doesn't matter to me personally since that is the "system" to track male heritage nowadays...I was just curious.

Sekhmet

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--- On Mon, 1/18/10, hebrew b'yisrael wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/Preserve the father's name....

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 6:54 AM

You have matriarchal societies in Asia & Africa who cast aside female babies. Female Queens // Chieftains who sacrifice little baby girls to a "female goddess" is more common practice than you will admit.

What about that?

Where are the feminists now?

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Sent:** Sun, January 17, 2010 4:41:10 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/Preserve the father's name....

"male children to pass on the father's name..."

Yeah, but some of the parents were getting early abortions after they found out they were having a girl, and kept doing it until they had a son. Other poorer countries would do infanticide in a lot of cases, but only the female infants.

Now what about the mother's name....oh, right; most societies are now patriarchal. ..moms don't count, we just "breed"....ROTFL! !

"...higher altitudes kill off XX sperm..."

Ahhhh, I see; makes that mountain climbing just a sport in modern times although it doesn't work very well if that is where you live 24/7. Anyhoo, I'll take your word for it...I am past my mountain climbing days for fun and do it only as a last resort. I prefer elevators, less wear on the joints....LOL! !

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 6:38 PM

male children to pass on the father's name is in favor AND almost the same in the other nations, however, the higher altitudes kill off XX sperm below 12,500 ft; above 12,500 the Sun's radiation kills off XY, which is airline pilots have more girls than boys! there society is out of balance just like black america; more women than men by far. the effect is that you have vast numbers of "effeminate" men [lady boys] in these asian

countries due to the shortage of women. they even have special bathrooms from trans sexed men.

I could provide references but check it out.

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 11:00:40 AM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy

"...due to the shortage of women..."

Interesting Hebrew, China I know has a shortage of women because of their one child law the killing of infant girls because they favor boy births...I ain't figured that one out yet. The countries you mentioned has a shortage of women because..... ?

If you know of a link or article please let me know what it is. Besides natural disasters of s sort, I can't think of any reason(s) why the would have a woman shortage, but polygamy is the answer IMO, because it would appear to deprive other men of getting a wife since there are more men than women.

Sekhmet

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From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:23 AM

polygamy is common practice in Nepal, parts of China, Tibet, Bhutan, & other countries around there due to the shortage of women.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 10:07:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various

husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

Peter

PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to hear her in her own words.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = I To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, know....no problem.

As for Nigerians or some West Africans engaging in polygamy as a cultural norm, and not trying to become "Westernized" and condemning it.....that is due to their indigenous religion being slowly eroded by conversion to Christianity. Or, their lack of finances to afford a polygamous lifestyle.

I believe that East Africans are predominantly Islamic in modern times, so they too will consider polygamy a cultural norm and treat women as "air head", second class citizens to boot.

Thanks for the book titles, I will try to read a literary critique on-line unless you want to do for me....no way I can afford to purchase more books at this time.

Now, Peter....do you want to discuss the benefits of multiple husbands and why men avoid the topic.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:34 AM

Yes polygamy is still considered "normal" in many parts of West Africa (e.g.,

Nigeria), in the sense that it is a common practice. Check out these books from the Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Half of a Yellow Sun* [set in the time of the Biafran War, 1967/70]; and *Purple Hibiscus*.

Nowadays, it is considered politically correct to condemn the practice, largely because of patronizing Western liberal thinking. I do believe that Africans themselves will come to reject and abandon it as they attempt to modernize, i.e. Westernize, and I suspect the driving force for that change will be the limited ability of the MALE to afford it.

Forgive my ignorance, but what is ROTFL?  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 10:23:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"....Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal..."  
Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social practice depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except for those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless a catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community. If it is about female genital mutilation.. ..well, that was an individual tribal "norm" and not an African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing if some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it is not normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis head of men to keep things balanced. "...don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground." Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. Women can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements: protection, child rearing and monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.  
Sekhmet

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--- On Tue, 1/12/10, Peter Gray wrote:



From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:18 PM

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](mailto:wiseladyowl@yahoo.com)  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though hell out of moralists.

Peter

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to unto you is a universal anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well we are still human no matter what any religious,spiritual , cultural system may apply  
Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though marriage time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship is between the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

<http://www.blogtalk radio.com/> egyptianvoodoo pri est/2010/ 01/07/2010  
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Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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| 31492|2010-01-19 16:15:06|sekhmet Johnson|Re: [SmaiTawi] re: Hebrew/Preserve the Father's name|

Hello Hebrew,

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--- On **Mon, 1/18/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: [SmaiTawi] re: Hebrew/Preserve the Father's name

To: SmaiTawi@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 9:44 PM

<http://www.second-congress-matriarchal-studies.com/werlhof.html>  
<http://www.crystallinks.com/matriarchal.html>  
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Go & read! Both forms of societies have used children!

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**From:** Ashaki  
**To:** SmaiTawi@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Mon, January 18, 2010 6:29:16 PM  
**Subject:** [SmaiTawi] re: Hebrew/Preserve the Father's name

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Yes, billions of barrels & over 4.5 Trillion cubic feet  
of natural gas!  
No national oil & gas company for Haiti  
No refinery[ies]  
No pipeline  
No storage tanks  
they must import gasoline & diesel!!

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**From:** nathaniel x vance  
**To:** Black\_Libertarians@yahoogroups.com  
**Sent:** Tue, January 19, 2010 2:40:18 PM  
**Subject:** [Ta\_Seti] Why Haiti is so poor

Dear Group,

By golly, most of the information given including jrswriter comments are utterly correct concerning **why Haiti is so Poor!** Without a doubt, there is a long-standing gross conspiracy to destroy or undermine the entire Haitian nation and their Afro-descendant citizens. This is a sign of the BEAST, and as usual, the warmongering west is synchronized in doing all that they can to keep Haiti and us all in some form of bondage and pain even in america today as well!

I did not know about Haiti having **OIL deposits, which** were found recently! If this is so, such will prove fatal to the independence of Haiti, as the west and america like whoring drug addicts, will become even more desperate antagonists than before if **OIL** is thrown into the mix!

Thanks for the information. Now we know what has caused Haiti to be so poor beyond a shadow of doubt! However, if there is one thing that we all can look forward to it is this, the vicious colonialist clock has but three more remaining years or less on it before the whole wicked edifice will come crashing down. Thereafter, all the greedy wicked on this present world will be removed.

**Why Haiti Is So Poor: By jrswriter**

<[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Luv4self\\_Network/message/59548](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Luv4self_Network/message/59548)>

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<<http://www.inaltrep.arole.net/en/world/haitistoria140110.html>>

The wicked **ENDTIME** - NOT the **RIGHTEOUS!** <http://Zetaheaven.org>:

| 31494|2010-01-20 08:41:40|Cleo Seahorne|Re: Cristofori/old nubia|

Hi,

I'm new to this site. Very informative. Would like to know where to write/phone about stopping the dams they want to build. hopefully voices/united voices will make a difference.

Batia

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
**Cc:** boogie\_down\_black@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tue, January 19, 2010 3:16:33 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia

Hello Cristorofi,

I have a "military family" also, and I don't see a problem with civilians not understanding the military mind or actions, up to a point.

Nationality. ...I don't understand why that is a problem for anyone, especially someone in the military or ex-military. The training is superior as is the educational opportunities unless you are involved in some kind of "underground military" thing where the emphasis is on proopaganda teachings and fiction to overthrow the existing government which would be to your individual favor, rather than historical facts. But that is just how I see the term "nationality" ....one belongs to a certain nation/land and defends it - period.

The only problem I have had is when the dominant culture tells me to "love it or leave it"...like they are indigenous to the Americas.... .ROTFL!!!

All my research of Africa points out other nations sought out African warriors, sometimes referring to them as the Moors collectively, regardless of what part of Africa they were from. But that was in the past, nowadays .. totally different mind-set about Africans/blacks with guns....LOL! !

I don't want my sons going to war, but I also don't want some foreign nationals coming to the USA and blowing crap up either. Or should I say, "Better the devil you know..." I already know what to expect from the homegrown nutbars and the laws of this land.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/19/10, cristofori whitakara** wrote:

From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 12:52 PM

coming from a military family i have a problem with nationality because we quickly join t military forces blindly blowing up our stuff because they ordered to do so. i get the fierces arguments from relatives about my opinions of joing the armed forces.

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 7:14 PM

"...Marcus Garvey....an African army..."

Hello Cristofori.. .

yeah...(((heavy sigh)))...and not just Garvey, but every other black male/female leader trying to get or maintain support and knowledge of other black people(s). I may still have an article I sent to another forum about Haile Selassie during WW II. It is disturbing how folks come together to destroy any Africans throughout history....

Sekhmet

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Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 2:16 PM

everytime an african is attacked i think of marcus garvey. i think he spoke of a an african military force to protect africans and things african?

--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 1:46 PM

Hello Cristofori,

I am constantly amazed at the mistreatment of black Africans and Africa itself at the hands of the descendants of the Greco-Roman Empire (((shaking my head))). I wrote to the U.S. diplomatic core about building the dam without regard to the people living there, and any archaeological history that would be lost under tons of water!!! Guess my words fell on deaf ears....again, because it was just a bunch of black folks becoming homeless and without proof of any history from the ancient past (((heavy sigh))).

Thanks for the link, read copy below to clearly understand the above comments..-Sekhmet

### **SOS Save the Nubians : The Nubian Tsunami**

The Nubian who strived hard over several centuries to maintain identity, culture and heritage. The descendants of great African Civilizations are always subject to well orchestrated , manipulated and systematic ethnic cleansing. This cleansing process took different shapes: -inundation of Nubian land "Aswan Dam High Dam Meroi Dam", deprivation from all central government services (no Medicare or education), marginalization (overlooking of Nubians as active and existing minority) and make their land as such rejecting to force Nubians to abandon it

Since the construction of the High Dam in 1964, the Nubians have sacrificed their heritage and land for the welfare of Egypt and Sudan. The Nubians were dispersed all over the Sudan and Egypt as well as in many countries around the globe. Some who strived and struggled to return to the shores of Lake Nubian have made the resurrection of Wadi Halfa a forced reality.

Those who were forcefully relocated in Butana plains in eastern Sudan suffered as the New Halfa Project collapsed gradually for many reasons of mismanagement, poor drainage, and invasion of shrubs and weeds. Now most of them are scattered all over the outskirts of Sudanese towns and cities. The whole Nubian land in Wadi Halfa, Sikkout and Mahas have suffered from marginalization, overlooking and neglect. In spite of the suffering the Nubians did not spare an opportunity or an effort to reconstruct the land of their ancestors and have submitted several proposals to the authorities which were, unfortunately, ignored.

On the other hand several of those who were relocated (e.g. those from Argin) have returned in large numbers and tried hard to establish a decent life on the western shores of the Nile where old Argin existed. They built houses and developed a number of agricultural projects on their own initiatives without any support from the government of Sudan. Instead of helping Nubian people, by rebuilding Wadi Halfa and supporting Argin projects, the government decided to sell 6.1 million feddans (1.6 m announced to fake reality) of the Nubian land to Egypt for irrigation with waters extracted from the Nubian Aquifer. All this took place in full exclusion of the Nubians who have in the past built a civilization which is still echoing its flavour and pride all over the world.

The Nubians as one of several other marginalized and overlooked indigenous minorities of Sudan hoped, while Sudan is advancing towards the dawn Peace following the sign of Peace at Nivasha (Kenya between Government of Sudan and the SPLA/M of South Sudan), that the government would have handled this matter with what it deserves from transparency and have strived to allow the Sudanese people in general and the Nubians in particular to participate in shaping their future in a participatory fashion. Alternatively what is happening is that such important decisions as using the water from the Nubian Aquifer and land are being handled in secrecy and without the involvement of the people who own this wealth historically. Several of the members of the ruling party has been allocated hundreds of thousands of feddans from Nubian land for their own use and benefit!!

We plead to the international community to share with the Nubians the concern that these resources are not only for the Nubians but for all the future generations of the Sudan in the south, the north, the west and the east. The Nubian Aquifer is the natural reservoir of water supplies for coming generations of the Sudanese. It is worth noting also that the current century have been declared the "water century" pointing to the importance of judicious and wise use of this precious resource in a sustainable way. This is a calamity that exceeds all sufferings the Nubians went through in their history and could be compared in its damaging scale and magnitude to the recent Tsunami crisis in the Far East and South Asia waters..

In consideration of the above the Nubian voice their strong objection to what is being done in breach and violation of the right of Nubians in their lands and ground water. Indeed, the Nubians support proper investment and prosperity of the people living in the Nile Valley. However, this



investment should observe the legal and historic rights of the Nubian People who live in these areas As well as the concerns of the future generations of the whole Sudanese People. We appeal to the free and concerned world to address the Government of Sudan to:

1. to develop a legal document which conserves the common property rights of the Nubian People to the water and land resources in this area
2. To speed up the formation of the Land Authority in the Northern State . The Authority should be given legal jurisdictions for any investment in the area
3. Provide enough water for the agricultural schemes in the Nubian Lands from Wadi Halfa to Dongola
4. To establish Authority for the development of all Agricultural Schemes in the Northern States. This authority should be the only legal body with jurisdiction over any future use of land and water resources in Nubian Land. The authority should have the power to oversee and provide governance to all investment and development issues related to irrigation, cropping and natural resource management. All private and public investors should get permission to undertake any development activities from this agency

My goodness; shades of Katrina just keep rearing it's ugly head....now what about Haiti? Sekhmet

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From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: "ta seti"  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 11:56 AM

<http://www.thenubia n.net/nubold. php>

| 31495|2010-01-20 08:41:49|sekhmet Johnson|Re: OFFICIAL PRESIDENT OBAMA ONE YEAR BLACK REPORT CARD!|

Alright I used the available "questions and reply" thingy but I had MORE to say. According to Quincy Jones..."keep doing YOUR thing" Mr President. You are going to make mistakes and "boo boos" along the way but ... so what; the FIRST BLACK President....? Sheesh,,,if my mother and grandmother were alive, after all they had sacrificed for THIS DAY.....Baaaaby, only if you "launched nukes" first could you be "FUNDAMENTALLY WWWWRONNNNG". There is no recovery from a "scorched earth" event....especially for black

folks from a historical context....we already don't exist as it is.

Anyhoo, since historically we can't convince the nitwits with nukes it is a LOSE-LOSE SCENARIO regardless.....perhaps you can freeze some African DNA and place it on a couple of really deep, later on, 'human', genetic "recovery" thingy. (Yes, I have a medical background, but I am still not considered "human" to the dominant culture, so I can only imagine that shit you are dealing with.)

Spooky...the offspring are "in charge" of deciding whether or not they themselves will SURVIVE. I am caught between them choosing wisely and surviving to enslave us again, or...choosing poorly, and **allowing a totally different species to become dominant and representative of "mankind" ....hmmm.....deep.**

Anyway Mr. President...you can't possibly do any WORSE than that UNBROKEN STRING OF WHITE MEN for 4 centuries in spite of what the "talking heads" say or dream up. May you and yours be well and be blessed.

Sekhmet

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--- On Sun, 1/17/10, nubianstaff wrote:

From: nubianstaff

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] OFFICIAL PRESIDENT OBAMA ONE YEAR BLACK REPORT CARD!

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoo.com

Date: Sunday, January 17, 2010, 9:14 PM

<http://www.blackconsciousness.com/nubianvoting.html>

This is the link to the official President Obama BLACK REPORT CARD.

Here is your chance to unite with others and make a decision about what kind of a job he has done. All the pundits and experts have spoken. All the inside and outside the beltway people have spoken. All the knuckleheads have run off at the lip. Now it's time for the people to speak! Get your vote in. We the people!

Please vote and get your friends and family to vote.

If you know someone that doesn't have a computer, please let them use your computer to vote. THIS LINK CAN BE EMAILED TO FRIENDS. HELP OUT!

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| 31496|2010-01-20 08:43:50|sekhmet Johnson|Fw: Direct Aid To Haiti Redux|

"...no gas for cars on the ground...

Hmmm, now where did I say that before? Po folks can't afford a tank of gas in "good times" let alone a CRISIS. Of course perfectly good cars are sitting still because they have no "gas" or an "owner"....duh....and, (not trying to be humorous here) but you can't even "steal gas" from PO

folks....that's why the cars are sitting there. (((shaking my head))).  
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--- On **Tue, 1/19/10, Brother.Manifest** wrote:

From: Brother.Manifest  
Subject: Direct Aid To Haiti Redux  
To: happilynaturalday@gmail.com  
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 3:02 PM

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If you cannot see this email: <http://happilynaturalday.com/blog/newsletter/direct-aid-to-haiti-redux/> TWO DIRECT AIDE OPTIONS FOR HAITI Spoken word poet / artist - Nzingah Oniwosan in FLA just called me to say that she has access to plane with a pilot and clearance to go in and out of Haiti. She has family in critical condition in haiti as well as family who has died. The problem is \$\$ for gas as they are transporting medical supplies directly to the people on the ground. The plane can carry 1000 pounds worth of cargo. The other issue is gas for cars on the ground. There is no gas in haiti - she says that on the black market gas is running \$100 per GALLON. Ambulances are running out of gas trying to get people where they need to be. The plane is leaving thursday - however this is an ongoing effort with MEDICAL PROFESSIONALS only going (so nurses & doctors need only apply in the releif team to go to haiti). They will be going to Antigua and Legane - the epicenter of the earthquake where the people are not receiving any assistance right now. Those who go (up to 6 at a time) will be given accomodations but they are not best (they have a house in haiti). If you are able to assist financially with this effort of OUR people going to help OUR people - contribute by contacting Sister Nzingah onisowan@comcast.net \_\_\_\_\_ Stay blessed, Happily Natural TO UNSUBSCRIBE REPLY-TO: happilynaturalday@gmail.com

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| 31497|2010-01-20 08:43:51|hebrew b'yisrael|Re: [SmaiTawi] re: Hebrew/Preserve the Father's name|

We now give up our children, young boys & girls ,on the alter of capitalism& other "isms" during times of war & conflict

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson

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<http://www.ejfi.org/Civilization/Civilization-15.htm>  
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| 31498|2010-01-20 08:44:00|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: !\*"An Unwelcome Katrina Redux" by Cynthia McKinney|

--- On **Tue, 1/19/10, nattyreb** wrote:

From: nattyreb  
Subject: [SmaiTawi] !\*"An Unwelcome Katrina Redux" by Cynthia McKinney  
To: "nattyreb"  
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 5:14 AM

1/18/10

From Cynthia McKinney: An Unwelcome Katrina Redux

President Obama's response to the tragedy in Haiti has been robust in military deployment and puny in what the Haitians need most: food; first responders and their specialized equipment; doctors and medical facilities and equipment; and engineers, heavy equipment, and heavy movers. Sadly, President Obama is dispatching Presidents Bush and Clinton, and thousands of Marines and U.S. soldiers. By contrast, Cuba has over 400 doctors on the ground and is sending in more; Cubans, Argentinians, Icelanders, Nicaraguans, Venezuelans, and many others are already on the ground working--saving lives and treating the injured. Senegal has offered land to Haitians willing to relocate to Africa.

The United States, on the day after the tragedy struck, confirmed that an entire Marine Expeditionary Force was being considered "to help restore order," when the "disorder" had been caused by an earthquake striking Haiti; not since 1751, 1770, 1842, 1860, and 1887 had Haiti experienced an earthquake. But, I remember the bogus reports of chaos and violence the led to the deployment of military assets, including Blackwater, in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. One Katrina survivor noted that the people needed food and shelter and the U.S. government sent men with guns. Much to my disquiet, it seems, here we go again. From the very beginning, U.S. assistance to Haiti has looked to me more like an invasion than a humanitarian relief operation.

On Day Two of the tragedy, a C-130 plane with a military assessment team landed in Haiti, with the rest of the team expected to land soon thereafter. The stated purpose of this team was to determine what military resources were needed.

An Air Force special operations team was also expected to land to provide air traffic control. Now, the reports are that the U.S. is not allowing assistance in, shades of Hurricane Katrina, all over again.

On President Obama's orders military aircraft "flew over the island, mapping the destruction. " So, the first U.S. contribution to the humanitarian relief needed in

Haiti were reconnaissance drones whose staffing are more accustomed to looking for hidden weapon sites and surface-to-air missile batteries than wrecked infrastructure. The scope of the U.S. response soon became clear: aircraft carrier, Marine transport ship, four C-140 airlifts, and evacuations to Guantanamo. By the end of Day Two, according to the Washington Post report, the United States had evacuated to Guantanamo Bay about eight [8] severely injured patients, in addition to U.S. Embassy staffers, who had been "designated as priorities by the U.S. Ambassador and his staff."

On Day Three we learned that other U.S. ships, including destroyers, were moving toward Haiti. Interestingly, the Washington Post reported that the standing task force that coordinates the U.S. response to mass migration events from Cuba or Haiti was monitoring events, but had not yet ramped up its operations. That tidbit was interesting in and of itself, that those two countries are attended to by a standing task force, but the treatment of their nationals is vastly different, with Cubans being awarded immediate acceptance from the U.S. government, and by contrast, internment for Haitian nationals.

U.S. Coast Guard Rear Admiral James Watson IV reassured Americans, "Our focus right now is to prevent that, and we are going to work with the Defense Department, the State Department, FEMA and all the agencies of the federal government to minimize the risk of Haitians who want to flee their country," Watson said. "We want to provide them those relief supplies so they can live in Haiti."

By the end of Day Four, the U.S. reportedly had evacuated over 800 U.S. nationals.

For those of us who have been following events in Haiti before the tragic earthquake, it is worth noting that several items have caused deep concern:

1. the continued exile of Haiti's democratically- elected and well-loved, yet twice-removed former priest, President Jean-Bertrand Aristide;
2. the unexplained continued occupation of the country by United Nations troops who have killed innocent Haitians and are hardly there for "security" (I've personally seen them on the roads that only lead to Haiti's sparsely-populated areas teeming with beautiful beaches);
3. U.S. construction of its fifth-largest embassy in the world in Port-au-Prince, Haiti;
4. mining and port licenses and contracts, including the privatization of Haiti's deep water ports, because certain off-shore oil and transshipment arrangements would not be possible inside the U.S. for environmental and other considerations; and

5. Extensive foreign NGO presence in Haiti that could be rendered unnecessary if, instead, appropriate U.S. and other government policy allowed the Haitian people some modicum of political and economic self-determination.

Therefore, we note here the writings of Ms. Marguerite Laurent, whom I met in her capacity as attorney for ousted President of Haiti Jean-Bertrand Aristide. Ms. Laurent reminds us of Haiti's offshore oil and other mineral riches and recent revival of an old idea to use Haiti and an oil refinery to be built there as a transshipment terminal for U.S. supertankers. Ms. Laurent, also known as Ezili Danto of the Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network (HLLN), writes:

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"There is also good evidence that these very same big US oil companies and their inter-related monopolies of engineering and defense contractors made plans, decades ago, to use Haiti's deep water ports either for oil refineries or to develop oil tank farm sites or depots where crude oil could be stored and later transferred to small tankers to serve U.S. and Caribbean ports. This is detailed in a paper about the Dunn Plantation at Fort Liberte in Haiti.

"Ezili's HLLN underlines these two papers on Haiti's oil resources and the works of Dr. Ginette and Daniel Mathurin in order to provide a view one will not find in the mainstream media nor anywhere else as to the economic and strategic reasons the US has constructed its fifth largest embassy in the world - fifth only besides the US embassy in China, Iraq, Iran and Germany - in tiny Haiti, post the 2004 Haiti Bush regime change."

Unfortunately, before the tragedy struck, and despite pleading to the Administration by Haiti activists inside the United States, President Obama failed to stop the deportation of Haitians inside the United States and failed to grant TPS, temporary protected status, to Haitians inside the U.S. in peril of being deported due to visa expirations. That was corrected on Day Three of Haiti's earthquake tragedy with the January 15, 2010 announcement that Haiti would join Honduras, Nicaragua, Somalia, El Salvador, and Sudan as a country granted TPS by the Secretary of Homeland Security.

President Obama's appointment of President Bush to the Haiti relief effort is a swift left jab to the face, in my opinion. After President Bush's performance in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and the fact that still today, Hurricane Katrina survivors who want to return still have not been provided a way back home, the



appointment might augur well for fundraising activities, but I doubt that it bodes well for the Haitian people. Afterall, the coup against and the kidnapping of President Aristide occurred under the watch of a Bush Presidency.

Finally, those with an appreciation of French literature know that among France's most beloved authors are Alexandre Dumas, son of a Haitian slave, and Victor Hugo who wrote: "Haiti est une lumiere." [Haiti is a light.] Indeed, Haiti for millions is a light: light into the methodology and evil of slavery; light into a successful slave rebellion, light into nationhood and notions of liberty, the rights of man, and of human dignity. Haiti is a light. And an example that makes the enemies of black liberation tremble. It is precisely because of Haiti's light into the evil genius of some individuals who wield power over others and man's ability, through unity and purpose, to overcome that evil, that some segments of the world have been at war with Haiti ever since 1804, the year of Haiti's creation as a Republic.

I'm not surprised at "Reverend" Pat Robertson's racist vitriol. Robertson's comments mirror, exactly, statements made by Napoleon's Cabinet when the Haitians defeated them. But in 2010, Robertson's statements reveal much more: Haitians are not the only ones who know their importance to the struggle against hatred, imperialism, and European domination.

This pesky, persistent, stubbornly non-Western, proudly African people of this piece of land that we call Haiti know their history and they know that they militarily defeated the ruling world empire of the day, Napoleon's France, and the global elite at that time who supported him. They know that they defeated the armies of England and Spain.

Haitians know that they used their status as a free state to help liberate Latin Americans from Spain, by funding and fighting alongside Simon Bolivar; their example inspired their still-enslaved African brothers and sisters on the American mainland; and before Haitians were even free, they fought against the British inside the U.S. during its war of independence and won a decisive battle in Savannah, Georgia, where I have visited the statue commemorating that victory.

Haitians know that France imposed reparations on them for being free, and Haiti paid them in full, but that President Aristide called for France to give that money back (\$21 billion in 2003 dollars).

Haitians know that their "brother," then-Secretary of State Colin Powell lied to the world upon the kidnapping and second ouster of their President. (Sadly, it wouldn't be the last time that Secretary of State Colin Powell would lie to the world.) Haitians know, all-too-well, that high-ranking blacks in the United States are capable of helping them and of betraying them.

Haitians know, too, that the United States has installed its political proxies and

even its own soldiers onto Haitian soil when the U.S. felt it was necessary. All in an effort to control the indomitable Haitian spirit that directs much-needed light to the rest of the oppressed world.

While the tears of the people of Haiti swell in my own eyes, and I remember their tremendous capacity for love, my broken heart and wet eyes don't dampen my ability to understand the grave danger that now faces my friends in Haiti.

I shudder to think that the "rollback" policies believed in by some foreign policy advisors to President Obama could use a prolonged U.S. military presence in Haiti as a springboard for rollback of areas in Latin America that have liberated themselves from U.S. neo-colonial domination. I would hate to think that this would even be attempted under the Presidency of Barack Obama. All of us must have our eyes wide open on Haiti and other parts of the world now dripping in blood as a result of the relentless onward march of the U.S. military machine.

So, on this remembrance of the birth of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., I note that it was the U.S. government's own illegal Operation Lantern Spike that snuffed out the promise and light of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Every plane of humanitarian assistance that is turned away by the U.S. military (so far from CARICOM, the Caribbean Community, M<sup>ŕ</sup>cins Sans Frontieres, Brazil, France, Italy, and even the U.S. Red Cross)--as was done in the wake of Hurricane Katrina--and the expected arrival on this very day of up to 10,000 U.S. troops, are lasting reminders of the existential threat that now looms over the valiant, proud people and the Republic of Haiti.

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<http://www.enduswar s.org>  
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Silence is the deadliest weapon of mass destruction.

| 31499|2010-01-20 08:44:13|nathaniel x vance|Why Haiti Is So Poor|

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| 31500|2010-01-20 08:45:14|hebrew b'yisrael|Re: [NAFPR] Why Haiti Is So Poor|

Let's not forget Cuba! OIL is everything!

<http://www.time.com/time/world/article/0,8599,1853252,00.html>

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**From:** nathaniel x vance  
**To:** Freedom Socialist Party  
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| 31501|2010-01-20 08:45:17|Tafari khumbaka|ancient/traditional peoples & eclipses|  
**At Kumbh Mela, Eclipse Shut Temple Doors**

Source: [www.indianexpress.com](http://www.indianexpress.com)

HARDWAR, INDIA, January 16, 2010: On the banks of the Ganges, a priest sat in front of the sacred fire, a family crouched all around it. Eyes closed, they poured ghee into the fire as they waited for 3:30 p.m. when the solar eclipse would end, praying to redeem the sun from the clutches of darkness. The last annular solar eclipse at a Kumbh Mela was in 1914.

Though the temple doors were shut to keep away the negative energy from the eclipsed sun on Mauni Amavasaya, the ghats were swarming with people who came to Har-ki-Pauri, the focal point of the mela, to take a holy dip. No food, no water for the faithful during the period of the eclipse that commenced in the temple town at 11:58 am and continued till 3:12 pm.

As the eclipse set in, people sat along the ghats, beads in their hands and chanted softly. Hindus believe repenting wrongdoings on the day of the eclipse in one of the holiest places where Lord Vishnu himself walked once (hence the name Har-ki-Pauri), will cleanse them of sins.

While authorities, in a bid to promote the town as a tourist centre, have put most beggars in beggar homes, on Friday a large number of them lined up along the ghats. It is considered auspicious to give alms on the day of the eclipse.

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Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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no-shows. [READ about the speakers](#)



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| 31503|2010-01-20 10:01:57|cristofori whitakara|Re: Cristofori/old nubia|  
an embassy possibly

--- On **Tue, 1/19/10, Cleo Seahorne** wrote:

From: Cleo Seahorne  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 10:45 PM

Hi,  
I'm new to this site. Very informitive. Would like to  
know where to write/phone about stopping the dams they  
want to build. hopefully voices/united voices will make  
a difference.  
Batia

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Cc:** boogie\_down\_black@yahoo. com  
**Sent:** Tue, January 19, 2010 3:16:33 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia

Hello Cristorofi,  
I have a "military family" also, and I don't see a problem with civilians not understanding the  
military mind or actions, up to a point.  
Nationality. ...I don't understand why that is a problem for anyone, especially someone in the  
military or ex-military. The training is superior as is the educational opportunities unless you are  
involved in some kind of "underground military" thing where the emphasis is on proopaganda  
teachings and fiction to overthrow the existing government which would be to your individual  
favor,rather than historical facts. But that is just how I see the term "nationality" ....one belongs  
to a certain nation/land and defends it - period.  
The only problem I have had is when the dominant culture tells me to "love it or leave it"...like  
they are indigenious to the Americas.... .ROTFL!!!  
All my research of Africa points out other nations sought out African warriors, sometimes  
referring to them as the Moors collectively, regardless of what part of Africa they were from. But  
that was in the past, nowadays .. totally different mind-set about Africans/blacks with  
guns....LOL! !  
I don't want my sons going to war, but I also don't want some foreign nationals coming to the  
USA and blowing crap up either. Or should I say, "Better the devil you know..." I already know

what to expect from the homegrown nutbars and the laws of this land.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

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From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 12:52 PM

coming from a military family i have a problem with nationality because we quickly join t  
military forces blindly blowing up our stuff because they ordered to do so. i get the fierces  
arguments from relatives about my opinions of joining the armed forces.

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 7:14 PM

"...Marcus Garvey....an African army..."

Hello Cristofori.. .

yeah...(((heavy sigh)))...and not just Garvey, but every other black male/female leader tryi  
get or maintain support and knowledge of other black people(s). I may still have an article  
to another forum about Haile Selassie during WW II. It is disturbing how folks come toget  
destroy any Africans throughout history....

Sekhmet

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From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 2:16 PM

everytime an african is attacked i think of marcus garvey. i think he spoke of a an a  
military force to protect africans and things african?

--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 1:46 PM

Hello Cristofori,

I am constantly amazed at the mistreatment of black Africans and Africa itself at the hands of descendants of the Greco-Roman Empire (((shaking my head))). I wrote to the U.S. diplomatic core about building the dam without regard to the people living there, and any archaeological history that would be lost under tons of water!!! Guess my words fell on deaf ears....again, because it was just a bunch of black folks becoming homeless and without proof of any history from the ancient past (((heavy sigh))).

Thanks for the link, read copy below to clearly understand the above comments..-Sekhmet

### **SOS Save the Nubians : The Nubian Tsunami**

The Nubian who strived hard over several centuries to maintain identity, culture and heritage as descendents of great African Civilizations are always subject to well orchestrated , manipulated and systematic ethnic cleansing. This cleansing process took different shapes: -inundation of Nubian land "Aswan Dam High DamMeroi Dam", deprivation from all central governments care (no Medicare or education), marginalization (overlooking of Nubians as active and existing minority) and make their land as such rejecting to force Nubians to abandon it

Since the construction of the High Dam in 1964, the Nubians have sacrificed their heritage and land for the welfare of Egypt and Sudan. The Nubians were dispersed all over the Sudan and Egypt as well as in many countries around the globe. Some who strived and struggled to return to the shores of Lake Nubian have made the resurrection of Wade Half a forced reality.

Those who were forcefully relocated in Butana plains in eastern Sudan suffered as the New Halfa Project collapsed gradually for many reasons of mismanagement, poor drainage, and invasion of shrubs and weeds. Now most of them are scattered all over the outskirts of Sudanese towns and cities. The whole Nubian land in Wadi Halfa, Sikkout and Mahas have suffered from marginalization , overlooking and neglect. In spite of the suffering the Nubians did not spare an opportunity or an effort to reconstruct the land of their ancestors and have submitted several proposals to the authorities which were , unfortunately, ignored.

On the other hand several of those who were relocated (e.g. those from Argin ) have returned in large numbers and tried hard to establish a decent life on the western shores of the Nile where old Argin existed. They built houses and developed a number of agricultural projects on their own initiatives without any support from the government of Sudan. Instead of helping Nubian people, by rebuilding Wadi Halfa and supporting Argin projects, the government decided to sell 6.1 million feddans( 1.6 m announced to fake reality) of the Nubian land to Egypt for irrigation with waters extracted from the Nubian Aquifer . All this took place in full exclusion of the Nubians who have in the past built a civilization which is still echoing its flavour and pride all over the world.

The Nubians as one of several other marginalized and overlooked indigenous minorities of

Sudan hoped, while Sudan is advancing towards the dawn Peace following the sign of Peace at Nivasha (Kenya between Government of Sudan and the SPLA/M of South Sudan), that the government would have handled this matter with what it deserves from transparency and have strived to allow the Sudanese people in general and the Nubians in particular to participate in shaping their future in a participatory fashion. Alternatively what is happening is that such important decisions as using the water from the Nubian Aquifer and land are being handled in secrecy and without the involvement of the people who own this wealth historically. Several of the members of the ruling party has been allocated hundreds of thousands of feddans from Nubian land for their own use and benefit!!

We plead to the international community to share with the Nubians the concern that these resources are not only for the Nubians but for all the future generations of the Sudan in the south, the north, the west and the east. The Nubian Aquifer is the natural reservoir of water supplies for coming generations of the Sudanese. It is worth noting also that the current century have been declared the "water century " pointing to the importance of judicial and wise use of this precious resource in a sustainable way. This is a calamity that exceeds all sufferings the Nubians went through in their history and could be compared in its damaging scale and magnitude to the recent Tsunami crisis in the Far East and South Asia waters.. .

In consideration of the above the Nubian voice their strong objection to what is being done in breach and violation of the right of Nubians in their lands and ground water. Indeed, the Nubians support proper investment and prosperity of the people living in the Nile Valley . However, this investment should observe the legal and historic rights of the Nubian People who live in these areas As well as the concerns of the future generations of the whole Sudanese People. We appeal to the free and concerned world to address the Government of Sudan to:

1. to develop a legal document which conserves the common property rights of the Nubian People to the water and land resources in this area
2. To speed up the formation of the Land Authority in the Northern State . The Authority should be given legal jurisdictions for any investment in the area
3. Provide enough water for the agricultural schemes in the Nubian Lands from Wadi Halfa to Dongola
4. To establish Authority for the development of all Agricultural Schemes in the Northern States. This authority should be the only legal body with jurisdiction over any future use of land and water resources in Nubian Land. The authority should have the power to oversee and provide governance to all investment and development issues related to irrigation, cropping and natural resource management. All private and public investors should get permission to undertake any development activities from this agency

My goodness; shades of Katrina just keep rearing it's ugly head....now what about Haiti?  
Sekhmet

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From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: "ta seti"  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 11:56 AM

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| 31504|2010-01-20 12:45:43|Asar Imhotep|Academic vs Street vs Good Scholarship - This Sunday on Blog Talk Ra|

Greetings Phamily

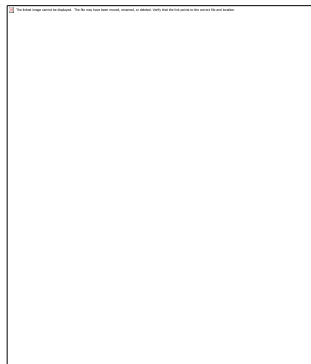
Please join us this **Sunday January 24, 2010** for a riveting and informative discussion on our blog talk radio program **Simba Simbi**. Our discussion topic is titled Academic vs. Street vs. Good Scholarship. There appears to be an upsurge in the interest of African culture and history in the past year or so due to a flux of debates on videos on YouTube by young people interested in African religious, cultural and political history who deem themselves "street scholars." But has this new interest in African culture spawned a methodology that stunts the growth of the field? How can we take this fire and interest in African culture and history and make it productive? These issues and more will be discussed by our esteemed panel: **Professor Manu Ampim, Wayne B. Chandler and Dr. Wesley Muhammad**. This is the second installment of our "Advancing the Work" series. You do not want to miss this.

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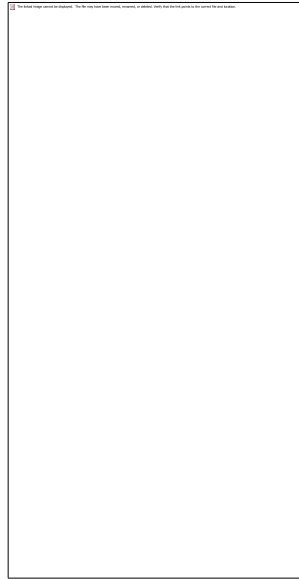
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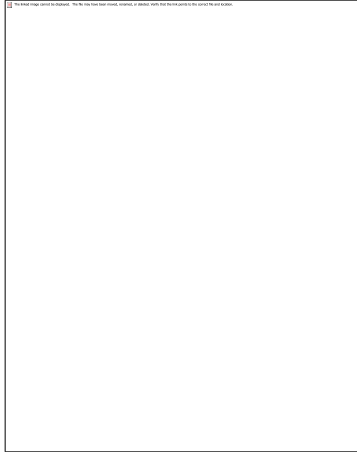
Professor Manu Ampim: is an historian and primary (first-hand) researcher specializing in African and African American history and culture. He has a B.S. in Business Management and M.A. in History/African American Studies. His master thesis, "The Revolutionary Martin Luther King, Jr." (1989) is being expanded into a two-volume work entitled, "Martin Luther King: The Evolution of a Revolutionary."

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**Wayne B. Chandler:** MS, CPH, SCE, is the author of Ancient Future: The Teachings and Prophetic Wisdom of the Seven Hermetic Laws of Ancient Egypt and "The Brighter side of Darkness: A Light Warrior's Guide to Inner Alchemy and Spiritual Transformation" (Projected Publication 2008). Chandler is an Anthro-photojournalist specializing in African and Asian civilization, philosophy and culture. From 1985 to 1995 Chandler was a regular contributor and co-author of the J.A.C. (Journal of African and Asian Civilizations), a series of books produced annually and edited by Professor Ivan Van Sertima and published by Rutgers University.

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**Dr. Wesley Muhammad:** A native of Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Williams recieved his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in Islamic Studies in 2008. He has taught at the University of Michigan and the University of Toledo, and has presented or lectured at the University of Mainz, Germany, the University of Chicago, Duke University, Emory University, Morehouse College, Spelman College and Clark Atlanta University. Dr. Williams has several publications and his dissertation, entitled "Tajalli wa-Ru'ya: A Study of Anthropomorphic Theophany and Visio Dei in the Hebrew Bible, the Qur'an and Early Sunni Islam," argued that the Islamic sources (Qur'an, Hadith, Sunni textual tradition for the 9th-12th centuries) give evidence of a tradition of transcendent anthropomorphism and visual theophany not unlike that found more clearly articulated in the Hebrew Bible.

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| 31505|2010-01-20 17:00:22|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Unrealistic expectations on "race relations"....|

Seriously, what in the heck did people think what with the nitwit Birthers demanding his birth certificate and claiming Obama is not an American, and that he is a Muslim to boot. Sheesh...you people are really "strange" at times and I don't even have to read the poll to know it is really unrealistic to think ANYONE can effect race relations in a 12 month period. -Sekhmet

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**Message from sender:** Hmmmm, I wonder what they thought was going to "change" in a year?

## **Faith in Obama's influence on race relations slipping**

*By Jennifer Agiesta and Jon Cohen*

Washington Post Staff Writer

Monday, January 18, 2010; A03

Soaring expectations about the effect of the first black president on U.S. race relations have collided with a more mundane reality, according to a new Washington Post-ABC News poll.

On the eve of [President Obama](#)'s inauguration a year ago, nearly six in 10 Americans said his presidency would advance cross-racial ties. Now, about four in 10 say it has done so.

The falloff has been highest among African Americans. Last January, three-quarters of blacks said they expected Obama's presidency to help. In the new poll, 51 percent of African Americans say he has helped, a wider gap between expectations and performance than among whites.

Although most of all those polled view Obama's election as a mark of progress for all African Americans, three in 10 say it is not indicative of broader change. About two-thirds see Obama's election as a sign of progress for all blacks in the United States, a figure unchanged from last year, but about half say his time in office has not made much difference in race relations. One in eight say it has hurt relations.

The new poll showed little change in the views of African Americans' current standing in society. About seven in 10 say blacks have already reached or will soon attain racial equality, about on par with the share saying so last January and during the 2008 presidential campaign. About two in 10 say equality will not happen in their lifetimes, and about one in 10 believe it will never happen.

African Americans' views on achieving racial equality have become more pessimistic since the inauguration, returning to their preelection levels. The share saying blacks have reached racial equality dropped 9 percentage points, to 11 percent, and the percentage saying equality will not be achieved in their lifetimes climbed 9 points, to 32 percent. About one in five blacks say they will never achieve racial equality. Among whites, four in 10 say African Americans already have it and 31 percent say it will happen soon.

The political polarization that drives much opinion about Obama's presidency carries over to perceptions of his impact on race relations as well. Among Democrats, about six in 10 say his presidency has helped race relations, compared with about four in 10 independents and just a quarter of Republicans. Expectations were high across party lines a year ago, with 75 percent of Democrats, 53 percent of independents and 43 percent of Republicans predicting that Obama's would help relations.

There is less of a [partisan](#) divide on whether Obama's election itself was a sign of progress for all blacks: 72 percent of Democrats say so, as do majorities of Republicans (59 percent) and independents (63 percent).

The poll was conducted by telephone from Jan. 12 to 15 among a random sample of 1,083 adults. The full results have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3

percentage points. For the 153 African Americans polled, the results have an 8 percentage point margin of error.

For the complete poll, visit <http://washingtonpost.com/politics>.

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| 31506|2010-01-20 17:00:39|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Batia, I'm new here....|

Hello Batia,

"I'm new to this site...." Welcome....I am new also, about two weeks I think.

"...where to write/phone about stopping the dams being built..."

Depends on what country you live in. Most every country has an "embassy" in a foreign country so leaders can assist their fellow countrymen and get a feel for what the host country thinks about their individual homeland.

I would suggest calling your local Senator or Congress person and talk with them about the proposed dams in Egypt/Africa and let them know you are concerned about the people that will be displaced because of it. The U.S. Senate/Congress may not even be aware of the planned dams, so have your documentation handy or available to mail to them. If they take an interest in it, they usually have someone they know that can talk to the Egyptian and Sudanese or Nubian Embassy leaders to let them know some Americans are aware and concerned....also, that it is NOT about religion in the country, but peoples lives we are concerned about.

With the trouble in Haiti and other parts of Africa, you should expect a delay in having this particular issue addressed, but I think you can tell if you get a "run-around" or a "not interested" type of reply. I agree with you, if enough people contact their local political leaders we MAY get some attention paid to the region hopefully. I can't do it alone.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/19/10**, Cleo Seahorne wrote:

From: Cleo Seahorne

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 9:45 PM

Hi,

I'm new to this site. Very informitive. Would like to know where to write/phone about stopping the dams they want to build. hopefully voices/united

voices will make a difference.  
Batia

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Cc:** boogie\_down\_black@yahoo. com  
**Sent:** Tue, January 19, 2010 3:16:33 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia

Hello Cristorofi,

I have a "military family" also, and I don't see a problem with civilians not understanding the military mind or actions, up to a point.

Nationality. ...I don't understand why that is a problem for anyone, especially someone in the military or ex-military. The training is superior as is the educational opportunities unless you are involved in some kind of "underground military" thing where the emphasis is on proopaganda teachings and fiction to overthrow the existing government which would be to your individual favor, rather than historical facts. But that is just how I see the term "nationality" ....one belongs to a certain nation/land and defends it - period.

The only problem I have had is when the dominant culture tells me to "love it or leave it"...like they are indigenous to the Americas.... .ROTFL!!!

All my research of Africa points out other nations sought out African warriors, sometimes referring to them as the Moors collectively, regardless of what part of Africa they were from. But that was in the past, nowadays .. totally different mind-set about Africans/blacks with guns....LOL! !

I don't want my sons going to war, but I also don't want some foreign nationals coming to the USA and blowing crap up either. Or should I say, "Better the devil you know..." I already know what to expect from the homegrown nutbars and the laws of this land.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/19/10, cristofori whitakara** wrote:

From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 12:52 PM

coming from a military family i have a problem with nationality because we quickly join military forces blindly blowing up our stuff because they ordered to do so. i get the fierce arguments from relatives about my opinions of joining the armed forces.

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cristofori/old nubia

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 7:14 PM

"...Marcus Garvey....an African army..."

Hello Cristofori.. .

yeah...(((heavy sigh)))...and not just Garvey, but every other black male/female leader trying to get or maintain support and knowledge of other black people(s). I may still have an article I sent to another forum about Haile Selassie during WW II. It is disturbing how folks come together to destroy any Africans throughout history....

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, cristofori whitakara** wrote:

From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 2:16 PM

everytime an african is attacked i think of marcus garvey. i think he spoke of a an african military force to protect africans and things african?

--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 1:46 PM

Hello Cristofori,

I am constantly amazed at the mistreatment of black Africans and Africa itself at the hands of the descendants of the Greco-Roman Empire (((shaking my head))). I wrote to the U.S. diplomatic core about building the dam without regard to the people living there, and any archaeological history that would be lost under tons of water!!! Guess my words fell on deaf ears....again, because it was just a bunch of black folks becoming homeless and without proof of any history from the ancient past (((heavy sigh))).

Thanks for the link, read copy below to clearly understand the above comments..-Sekhmet

### **SOS Save the Nubians : The Nubian Tsunami**

The Nubian who strived hard over several centuries to maintain identity, culture and heritage. The descendants of great African Civilizations are always subject to well orchestrated, manipulated and systematic ethnic cleansing. This cleansing process took different shapes: -inundation of Nubian land "Aswan Dam High Dam Meroi Dam", deprivation from all central government

(no Medicare or education), marginalization (overlooking of Nubians as active and existing minority) and make their land as such rejecting to force Nubians to abandon it

Since the construction of the High Dam in 1964, the Nubians have sacrificed their heritage and land for the welfare of Egypt and Sudan. The Nubians were dispersed all over the Sudan and Egypt as well as in many countries around the globe. Some who strived and struggled to return to the shores of Lake Nubian have made the resurrection of Wadi Halfa a forced reality.

Those who were forcefully relocated in Butana plains in eastern Sudan suffered as the New Halfa Project collapsed gradually for many reasons of mismanagement, poor drainage, and invasion of shrubs and weeds. Now most of them are scattered all over the outskirts of Sudanese towns and cities. The whole Nubian land in Wadi Halfa, Sikkout and Mahas have suffered from marginalization, overlooking and neglect. In spite of the suffering the Nubians did not spare an opportunity or an effort to reconstruct the land of their ancestors and have submitted several proposals to the authorities which were, unfortunately, ignored.

On the other hand several of those who were relocated (e.g. those from Argin) have returned in large numbers and tried hard to establish a decent life on the western shores of the Nile where old Argin existed. They built houses and developed a number of agricultural projects on their own initiatives without any support from the government of Sudan. Instead of helping Nubian people, by rebuilding Wadi Halfa and supporting Argin projects, the government decided to sell 6.1 million feddans (1.6 m announced to fake reality) of the Nubian land to Egypt for irrigation with waters extracted from the Nubian Aquifer. All this took place in full exclusion of the Nubians who have in the past built a civilization which is still echoing its flavour and pride all over the world.

The Nubians as one of several other marginalized and overlooked indigenous minorities of Sudan hoped, while Sudan is advancing towards the dawn Peace following the sign of Peace at Nivasha (Kenya between Government of Sudan and the SPLA/M of South Sudan), that the government would have handled this matter with what it deserves from transparency and have strived to allow the Sudanese people in general and the Nubians in particular to participate in shaping their future in a participatory fashion. Alternatively what is happening is that such important decisions as using the water from the Nubian Aquifer and land are being handled in secrecy and without the involvement of the people who own this wealth historically. Several of the members of the ruling party has been allocated hundreds of thousands of feddans from Nubian land for their own use and benefit!!

We plead to the international community to share with the Nubians the concern that these resources are not only for the Nubians but for all the future generations of the Sudan in the south, the north, the west and the east. The Nubian Aquifer is the natural reservoir of water supplies for coming generations of the Sudanese. It is worth noting also that the current century have been declared the "water century" pointing to the importance of judicious and wise use of this precious resource in a sustainable way. This is a calamity that exceeds all sufferings the Nubians went through in their history and could be compared in its damaging scale and magnitude to the recent Tsunami crisis in the Far East and South Asia waters.. .



In consideration of the above the Nubian voice their strong objection to what is being done in breach and violation of the right of Nubians in their lands and ground water. Indeed, the Nubians support proper investment and prosperity of the people living in the Nile Valley . However, this investment should observe the legal and historic rights of the Nubian People who live in these areas As well as the concerns of the future generations of the whole Sudanese People. We appeal to the free and concerned world to address the Government of Sudan to:

1. to develop a legal document which conserves the common property rights of the Nubian People to the water and land resources in this area
2. To speed up the formation of the Land Authority in the Northern State . The Authority should be given legal jurisdictions for any investment in the area
3. Provide enough water for the agricultural schemes in the Nubian Lands from Wadi Halfa to Dongola
4. To establish Authority for the development of all Agricultural Schemes in the Northern States. This authority should be the only legal body with jurisdiction over any future use of land and water resources in Nubian Land. The authority should have the power to oversee and provide governance to all investment and development issues related to irrigation, cropping and natural resource management. All private and public investors should get permission to undertake any development activities from this agency

My goodness; shades of Katrina just keep rearing it's ugly head....now what about Haiti?  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Wed, 1/13/10, cristofori whitakara** wrote:

From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] old nubia  
To: "ta seti"  
Date: Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 11:56 AM

<http://www.thenubia n.net/nubold. php>

| 31507|2010-01-20 17:00:57|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Over 200 dead in Nigeria violence - Yahoo!  
News|  
OMG!! when will "killin in de name o de lawd" going to cease!!! -Sekhmet

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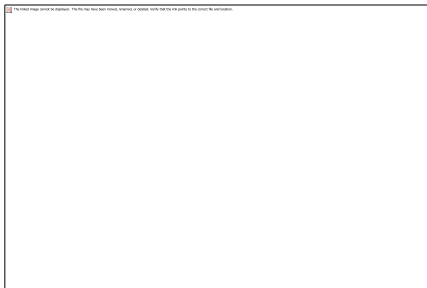
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 1:20 PM

[http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100120/ap\\_on\\_re\\_af/af\\_nigeria\\_violence](http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20100120/ap_on_re_af/af_nigeria_violence)

## Group: More than 200 dead in Nigeria violence

**AP** Associated Press



*AP Nigerian Hauwa Ahmed, right, cries out after losing her son to violence in Jos, Nigeria, Wednesday, Jan.*

*By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press Writer Jon Gambrell, Associated Press Writer*  
1hr45minsago

JOS, Nigeria Charred bodies with scorched hands reaching skyward lay in the streets and a mosque with blackened minarets smoldered Wednesday after several days of fighting between Christians and Muslims killed more than 200 people.

Sectarian violence in this central region of Nigeria has left thousands dead over the past decade, and the latest outbreak that began Sunday came despite the government's efforts to quell religious extremism in the West African country.

Jos was mostly calm Wednesday, though many terrified civilians kept indoors while soldiers patrolled the streets. The city is situated in Nigeria's "middle belt," where dozens of ethnic groups mingle in a band of fertile and hotly contested land separating the Muslim north from the predominantly Christian south.

There are conflicting accounts about what unleashed the bloodshed. According to the state police commissioner, skirmishes began after Muslim youths set a Christian church ablaze, but Muslim leaders denied that. Other community leaders say it began with an argument over the rebuilding of a Muslim home in a predominantly Christian neighborhood that had been destroyed in November 2008.

Corinne Dufka, senior West Africa researcher at Human Rights Watch, said what caused the latest spark was beside the point. The deeper problem, she said, is the government's failure to address underlying conflict in the region.

After similar bouts of violence in the past, Nigerian authorities have "come up with analysis, but they don't respond properly with concrete measures and policies," Dufka said. "Tensions seethe, and months or years later you have another outbreak."

More than 13,500 Nigerians have died in sectarian violence in the last decade, and at

least 2,500 people had been killed in Plateau state alone since 2001, according to Human Rights Watch. Dufka said no one has been held accountable, leading to a climate of impunity.

"It's not just the perpetrators who often murdered people in horrific ways who have not been held accountable, but also the political leaders and sometimes the religious leaders that foment violence, as well as the security forces who've used excessive force to respond to it."

In Jos, witnesses said rioters armed with knives, homemade firearms and stones had attacked passers-by and fought with security forces, leaving bodies in the street and stacked in mosques after fighting began Sunday.

Authorities imposed a 24-hour curfew, but on Wednesday people could be seen walking around the center of the city. When an army convoy passed, they stopped and raised their hands above their heads to show they were not a threat.

"We want the government to come and help us," said Abdullahi Ushman, who said he had seen rioters attacking people with firearms and bows and arrows.

Plateau State governor Jonah Jang said the violence was not provoked by a lack of opportunity in this rural farming community. He claimed many of the attackers were from Muslim-dominant northern Nigeria and from the nearby, predominantly Muslim nations of Niger and Chad.

"There are people masterminding this for their own selfish reasons," said Jang, who is Christian.

The Minister of Police Affairs, Ibrahim Yakubu Lame, issued a statement Tuesday blaming the violence on "some highly placed individuals in the society who were exploiting the ignorance and poverty of the people to cause mayhem in the name of religion."

The chief of Army staff, Lt. Gen. Abdulrahman Danbazau, confirmed accounts that some Muslims had been dragged out of their homes and shot by men dressed in what appeared to be army uniforms. He said five of the suspects arrested were dressed in khaki army-style uniforms and claimed to be police officers, though only one of the five men could provide police identification.

Jos is not alone in being shaken by religious violence. In July, an extremist group known as Boko Haram translated as "Western education is sacrilege" attacked police stations and other government buildings, starting days of violence that left more than 700 people dead in northern Nigeria. Another wave of violence started by infighting in another Islamic extremist group left at least 38 people dead in December.

Still, nearly all violence caused by extremist sects comes from intensely local politics or grievances not any call for holy war against the West.

The government has sought to distance itself from any al-Qaida links after a 23-year-old Nigerian was accused of trying to blow up a U.S.-bound flight on Christmas Day. Nigerian officials have said that Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was influenced far beyond the nation's borders while studying in London and in Yemen.

Nnamdi Obasi, a Nigeria-based senior analyst for the International Crisis Group, said the government's response to previous cycles of violence in Jos has been to deploy soldiers without resolving the underlying tensions.

"There is poverty and desperation. So you very easily have mobs of young people ready to take out frustrations on other groups, especially when they can identify them as an

opposing group, be it Muslim or Christian," Obasi said.

Associated Press Writers Carley Petesch in Johannesburg and Todd Pitman in Dakar, Senegal contributed to this report.

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Yahoo! News

<http://news.yahoo.com/>

| 31508|2010-01-20 17:01:05|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: The Truth About Harold Ford Jr.|



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

--- On Wed, 1/20/10, Mensa Neru [cpas\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:cpas_usa@yahoo.com) wrote:

Here's an interesting commentary on "Memphis' own" Harold Ford Jr. Another black political corporate shill for big business in this country. It seem unfathomable to me to believe that the Obamas and Fords and their like are what so many of our ancestors struggled and died for in our battle for liberation here in

the USA. So sad.



**Harold Ford Jr.**

[http://media.libsyn.com/media/blackagendareport/20100113\\_qf\\_HaroldFord.mp3](http://media.libsyn.com/media/blackagendareport/20100113_qf_HaroldFord.mp3)

**Men Sa Hai Neru**

| 31509|2010-01-20 17:01:15|Shu Tefnut|Fw: [BNYEE]-- Imari Obadele "Father of Reparations" Joins the Ancest|

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** s e anderson

**Sent:** Wed, January 20, 2010 1:59:30 PM

**Subject:** [BNYEE]-- Imari Obadele "Father of Reparations" Joins the Ancestors

## Imari Obadele "Father of Reparations" dies in Ga.

The Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Imari Obadele, the former leader of the Republic of New Africa separatist group, has died. He was 79. Obadele's daughters, Marilyn Obadele and Vivian Gafford, said Tuesday that their father died of massive stroke Monday in Atlanta. Known as the "Father of Reparations, " Obadele was a staunch supporter of Malcom X and eventually became President of the Republic of New Africa, which sought to establish its own nation in the South. He was president when, in 1971, city police and FBI agents battled RNA members who were inside a fortified home in Jackson, Miss. One police officer was killed and two others were wounded in the shootout. Obadele spent more than five years in prison for conspiracy but was not charged with murder. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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*From Hannibal Cassanova:*

I just received the sad news that one of our tallest trees in the forest of Black intellectual Nationalism has unfortunately made transition. Dr. Imari Abukari Obadele was the founder of the Republic of New Afrika that came out of the 1968's convention of Black government held in Detroit. Dr.Obadele and his brother (Milton) were both friends of Malcolm during the early mid sixties. They were the ones who brought him (Malcolm) in to Detroit to give that historic speech that we love so much called "Message to the Grass roots."

After Malcolm's assassination they developed what was called the 'Malcolm X Society' that led to the Republic of New Afrika (RNA) in 1968, then Chokwe Lumumba emerged out of that group to form the 'New Afikan Peoples Organization (NAPO);' all of this led to the Provisional Government of new Afrika and the Five States formation in the South (South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, forgot fifth one), all under the constitutional right to develop a self-determined

Plebiscite political independent states. In short, I don't believe we utilized Dr. Obadele's call to "Free The Land" the way he outlined everything in his wonderful autobiography.

Dr. Obadele went back to school, after brief time in Jail because of being setup, and achieved his doctorate degree, I think in Government. Also, it was Dr. Obadele who founded N'COBRA, which further augmented his fight for reparation. Dr. Obadele has written numerous books and articles on Government, '40 acres and a Mule,' Reparation, etc. Also, he even wrote a very valuable book on 'Ancient Egypt' in which some of the African-centered community either neglects or don't appreciate (I never hear any one cite it as a source of reference).

Nevertheless, Dr. Obadele has left his mark in our movement for liberation in this country by example! Libation Poured!

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s. e. anderson is author of "The Black Holocaust for Beginners"  
Social Activism is not a hobby: it's a Lifelong Commitment.  
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| 31510|2010-01-20 17:01:21|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Hebrew/Preserve the Father's name|  
"....give up our children ....on the alter of capitalism..."

Hmmmm, interesting; that must be a purely male religious perspective in a lot of ways or maybe the new norm of thinking of what is permissible for sacrifice. I always thought women in previous generations, would sacrifice everything BUT their children. Let me think about this and get back to you.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On Tue, 1/19/10, hebrew b'yisrael wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Re: [SmaiTawi] re: Hebrew/Preserve the Father's name

To: [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com)

Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 6:18 PM

We now give up our children, young boys & girls  
, on the alter of capitalism& other "isms" during  
times of war & conflict

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Cc:** hebrew77@yahoo. com  
**Sent:** Tue, January 19, 2010 5:55:49 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Re: [SmaiTawi] re: Hebrew/Preserve the Father's name

Hello Hebrew,

Thanks for the links, but you snip too much of the "original thread" for me to figure out what started this argument about child sacrifice. I can't think of any that didn't think a child was a better sacrifice than an adult; something alone the lines of a "purer" sacrifice to the old gods or something like that...that is until the Big 3 came along, it was pretty common for the priestly class IMO.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Mon, 1/18/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: [SmaiTawi] re: Hebrew/Preserve the Father's name  
To: SmaiTawi@yahoogroup [s.com](mailto:SmaiTawi@yahoogroup.com)  
Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 9:44 PM

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Go & read! Both forms of societies have used children!

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**From:** Ashaki [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com)>  
**To:** SmaiTawi@yahooogroup s.com  
**Sent:** Mon, January 18, 2010 6:29:16 PM  
**Subject:** [SmaiTawi] re: Hebrew/Preserve the Father's name

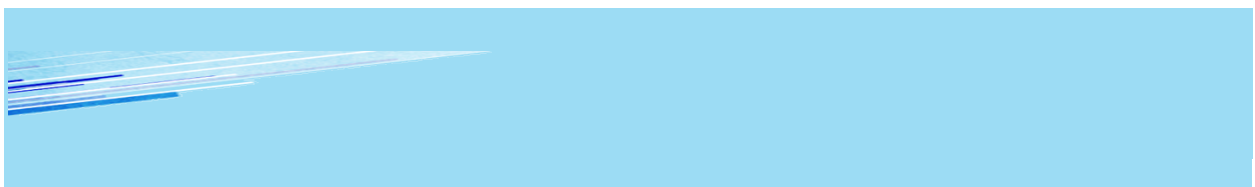
talk about Hot Air Y'srealite,  
female/matriarch societies that cast out female babies?ah-huh.  
dont just spew words- show and prove..if you can.

| 31511|2010-01-20 17:01:26|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations|



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

--- On Wed, 1/20/10, Mensa Neru wrote:





**Hetepu,**

**The following report details why black people should avoid making donations to any of the major corporately controlled disaster relief organizations such as the Red Cross and others including Wyclef Jean's(interesting comments on this fellow). Most of these are not working in the interests of those that the donations are intended to help and assist. The author offers other more viable and honest options for those of us willing to donate either our time or money to ensure that the help gets to where it is needed. Please spread!!**

**<http://tns1.blackagendareport.com/?q=print/content/haiti-katrina-and-why-i-wont-give-haiti-through-red-cross>**

**Men Sa Hai Neru**

| 31512|2010-01-21 08:06:38|hebrew b'yisrael|Cally being hit hard by El Nino!|

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMwkrNLtxEw>

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IB,

Well, you have a perfect storm in place:

\* California Commercial & Residential Real Estate projects that were halted as late as 2007 being super soaked by massive amounts of rain thus accelerating their demise due to BLACK MOLD, fungus, & general rotting sites

\* California State Budgetary crisis whereas they will NOT be able to come your rescue or bail you out in any sort of way if your business or home is flooded out. All you stay-@-home or work@home brothers & sisters out there still trying to hustle the American dream in Cally -- forget about it!

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sinkholes because of off-shore & on-shore oil & gas drilling make for a serious mix - **IF YOU HAVE SMALL CHILDREN, PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR THEM VERY CAREFULLY?**

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Peace and I.S.L.A.M.

| 31514|2010-01-21 08:08:41|Tafari khumbaka|Re: Over 200 dead in Nigeria violence - Yahoo! News|

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Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

--- On **Wed, 1/20/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Over 200 dead in Nigeria violence - Yahoo! News

To: "Ta-Seti"

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 1:25 PM

OMG!! when will "killin in de name o de lawd" going to cease!!! -Sekhmet

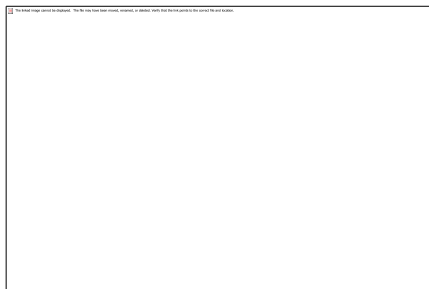
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## Group: More than 200 dead in Nigeria violence

**AP** Associated Press



*AP Nigerian Hauwa Ahmed, right, cries out after losing a loved one to violence in Jos, Nigeria, Wednesday, Jan.*

*By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press Writer Jon Gambrell, Associated Press Writer*  
1hr45minsago

JOS, Nigeria Charred bodies with scorched hands reaching skyward lay in the streets and a mosque with blackened minarets smoldered Wednesday after several days of fighting between

Christians and Muslims killed more than 200 people.

Sectarian violence in this central region of Nigeria has left thousands dead over the past decade, and the latest outbreak that began Sunday came despite the government's efforts to quell religious extremism in the West African country.

Jos was mostly calm Wednesday, though many terrified civilians kept indoors while soldiers patrolled the streets. The city is situated in Nigeria's "middle belt," where dozens of ethnic groups mingle in a band of fertile and hotly contested land separating the Muslim north from the predominantly Christian south.

There are conflicting accounts about what unleashed the bloodshed. According to the state police commissioner, skirmishes began after Muslim youths set a Christian church ablaze, but Muslim leaders denied that. Other community leaders say it began with an argument over the rebuilding of a Muslim home in a predominantly Christian neighborhood that had been destroyed in November 2008.

Corinne Dufka, senior West Africa researcher at Human Rights Watch, said what caused the latest spark was beside the point. The deeper problem, she said, is the government's failure to address underlying conflict in the region.

After similar bouts of violence in the past, Nigerian authorities have "come up with analysis, but they don't respond properly with concrete measures and policies," Dufka said. "Tensions seethe, and months or years later you have another outbreak."

More than 13,500 Nigerians have died in sectarian violence in the last decade, and at least 2,500 people had been killed in Plateau state alone since 2001, according to Human Rights Watch.

Dufka said no one has been held accountable, leading to a climate of impunity.

"It's not just the perpetrators who often murdered people in horrific ways who have not been held accountable, but also the political leaders and sometimes the religious leaders that foment violence, as well as the security forces who've used excessive force to respond to it."

In Jos, witnesses said rioters armed with knives, homemade firearms and stones had attacked passers-by and fought with security forces, leaving bodies in the street and stacked in mosques after fighting began Sunday.

Authorities imposed a 24-hour curfew, but on Wednesday people could be seen walking around the center of the city. When an army convoy passed, they stopped and raised their hands above their heads to show they were not a threat.

"We want the government to come and help us," said Abdullahi Ushman, who said he had seen rioters attacking people with firearms and bows and arrows.

Plateau State governor Jonah Jang said the violence was not provoked by a lack of opportunity in this rural farming community. He claimed many of the attackers were from Muslim-dominant northern Nigeria and from the nearby, predominantly Muslim nations of Niger and Chad.

"There are people masterminding this for their own selfish reasons," said Jang, who is Christian. The Minister of Police Affairs, Ibrahim Yakubu Lame, issued a statement Tuesday blaming the violence on "some highly placed individuals in the society who were exploiting the ignorance and poverty of the people to cause mayhem in the name of religion."

The chief of Army staff, Lt. Gen. Abdulrahman Danbazau, confirmed accounts that some Muslims had been dragged out of their homes and shot by men dressed in what appeared to be army uniforms. He said five of the suspects arrested were dressed in khaki army-style uniforms and claimed to be police officers, though only one of the five men could provide police identification.

Jos is not alone in being shaken by religious violence. In July, an extremist group known as

Boko Haram translated as "Western education is sacrilege" attacked police stations and other government buildings, starting days of violence that left more than 700 people dead in northern Nigeria. Another wave of violence started by infighting in another Islamic extremist group left at least 38 people dead in December.

Still, nearly all violence caused by extremist sects comes from intensely local politics or grievances not any call for holy war against the West.

The government has sought to distance itself from any al-Qaida links after a 23-year-old Nigerian was accused of trying to blow up a U.S.-bound flight on Christmas Day. Nigerian officials have said that Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was influenced far beyond the nation's borders while studying in London and in Yemen.

Nnamdi Obasi, a Nigeria-based senior analyst for the International Crisis Group, said the government's response to previous cycles of violence in Jos has been to deploy soldiers without resolving the underlying tensions.

"There is poverty and desperation. So you very easily have mobs of young people ready to take out frustrations on other groups, especially when they can identify them as an opposing group, be it Muslim or Christian," Obasi said.

Associated Press Writers Carley Petesch in Johannesburg and Todd Pitman in Dakar, Senegal contributed to this report.

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| 31515|2010-01-21 08:10:40|hebrew b'yisrael|Free Men & Women -- Moors take note...|

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Greetings George & Leila;

Folks are getting nervous!

later,

'brew

| 31517|2010-01-21 08:14:39|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: Cally being hit hard by El Nino!|

It's very scary here, the rain does not seem to be stopping and some places are being threatened with mudslides. Alameda seems to be ok for now but this needs to stop soon and one else here in

bay area cali??

--- On **Thu, 1/21/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Cally being hit hard by El Nino!  
To: "IE Brown"  
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:34 AM

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IB,

Well, you have a perfect storm in place:

- \* California Commercial & Residential Real Estate projects that were halted as late as 2007 being super soaked by massive amounts of rain thus accelerating their demise due to BLACK MOLD, fungus, & general rotting sites

- \* California State Budgetary crisis whereas they will NOT be able to come your rescue or bail you out in any sort of way if your business or home is flooded out. All you stay-@-home or work@home brothers & sisters out there still trying to hustle the American dream in Cally -- forget about it!

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| 31518|2010-01-21 10:12:41|Alex van Deelen|Re: Why Haiti is so poor|  
Haiti is so poor, because it has been continued to be bled dry  
by the West even after independence.

Haiti didn't stop PAYING REPARATIONS TO FRANCE  
FROM INDEPENDENCE UNTIL 1947.

During the US backed dictatorship, US corporations were  
allowed to exploit bauxite in Haiti for 15 CENTS PER TONNE,  
paid directly not to the Haitian people, but to the US dictator  
'Papa Doc' Duvalier. Today's prices for bauxite are \$54-\$60 per tonne.

Then Bill Clinton forced them to become part of globalisation -  
more exploitation by US corporations. The Haitian President  
Jean-Bertrand Aristide was even kidnapped and flown out of  
the country, because he would not go far enough privatising  
(selling out) the Haitian economy. This is what happens to  
those who are not dictators in Haiti.

Even though the United States were founded by rebels,  
they never ever forgave Haiti for doing the same.

Alex

<http://www.guardian.co.uk/Columnists/Column/0,5673,1530800,00.html>

From The Guardian (UK):

The US cannot accept that the Haitian president it ousted still has support  
Naomi Klein  
Monday 18 July 2005  
The Guardian

Naomi Klein In Conversation With President Jean-Bertrand Aristide?

A few weeks ago I visited Aristide in Pretoria, South Africa, where he lives  
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When terror strikes western capitals, it doesn't just blast bodies and buildings, it also blasts other sites of suffering off the media map. A massacre of Iraqi children, blown up while taking sweets from US soldiers, is banished deep into the inside pages of our newspapers. The outpouring of compassion for the daily deaths of thousands from Aids in Africa is suddenly treated as a frivolous distraction.

In this context, a massacre in Haiti alleged to have taken place the day before the London bombings never stood a chance. Well before July 7, Haiti couldn't compete in the suffering sweepstakes: the US-supported coup that ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide had the misfortune of taking place in late February 2004, just as the occupation of Iraq was reaching a new level of chaos and brutality. The crushing of Haiti's constitutional democracy made headlines for only a couple of weeks.

But the battle over Haiti's future rages on. Most recently, on July 6, 300 UN troops stormed the pro-Aristide slum of Cité Mirebalais. The UN admits that five were killed, but residents put the number of dead at no fewer than 20. A Reuters correspondent, Joseph Guyler Delva, says he "saw seven bodies in one house alone, including two babies and one older woman in her 60s". Ali Besnaci, head of Médecins Sans Frontières in Haiti, confirmed that on the day of the siege an "unprecedented" 27 people came to the MSF clinic with gunshot wounds, three-quarters of them women and children.

Where news of the siege was reported, it was treated as a necessary measure to control Haiti's violent armed gangs. But the residents of Cité Mirebalais tell a different story: they say they are being killed not for being violent, but for being militant - for daring to demand the return of their elected president. On the bodies of their dead friends and family members, they place photographs of Aristide.

It was only 10 years ago that President Clinton celebrated Aristide's return to power as "the triumph of freedom over fear". So it seems worth asking: what changed?

Aristide is certainly no saint, but even if the worst of the allegations against him are true, they pale next to the rap sheets of the convicted killers, drug smugglers and arms traders who ousted him. Turning Haiti over to this underworld gang out of concern for Aristide's lack of "good governance" is like escaping an annoying date by accepting a lift home from Charles Manson.

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The dispute dates back to a series of meetings in early 1994, a pivotal moment in Haiti's history that Aristide has rarely discussed. Haitians were living under the barbaric rule of Raoul Céas, who overthrew Aristide in a 1991 US-backed coup. Aristide was in Washington and, despite popular calls for his return, there was no way he could face down the junta without military back-up.

Increasingly embarrassed by Céas's abuses, the Clinton administration offered Aristide a deal: US troops would take him back to Haiti - but only after he agreed to a sweeping economic programme with the stated goal to "substantially transform the nature of the Haitian state".

Aristide agreed to pay the debts accumulated under the kleptocratic Duvalier dictatorships, slash the civil service, open up Haiti to "free trade" and cut import tariffs on rice and corn. It was a lousy deal but, Aristide says, he had little choice. "I was out of my country and my country was the poorest in the western hemisphere, so what kind of power did I have at that time?"

But Washington's negotiators made one demand that Aristide could not accept: the immediate sell-off of Haiti's state-owned enterprises, including phones and electricity.

Aristide argued that unregulated privatisation would transform state monopolies into private oligarchies, increasing the riches of Haiti's elite and stripping the poor of their national wealth. He says the proposal simply didn't add up: "Being honest means saying two plus two equals four. They wanted us to sing two plus two equals five."

Aristide proposed a compromise: Rather than sell off the firms outright, he would "democratise" them. He defined this as writing anti-trust legislation, ensuring that proceeds from the sales were redistributed to the poor and allowing workers to become shareholders. Washington backed down, and the final text of the agreement called for the "democratisation" of state companies.

But when Aristide announced that no sales could take place until parliament had approved the new laws, Washington cried foul. Aristide says he realised then that what was being attempted was an "economic coup". "The hidden agenda was to tie my hands once I was back and make me give for nothing all the state public enterprises."

He threatened to arrest anyone who went ahead with privatisations.  
"Washington was very angry at me. They said I didn't respect my word, when they were the ones who didn't respect our common economic policy."

The US cut off more than \$500m in promised loans and aid, starving his government, and poured millions into the coffers of opposition groups, culminating ultimately in the February 2004 armed coup.

And the war continues. On June 23 Roger Noriega, US assistant secretary of state for western hemisphere affairs, called on UN troops to take a more "proactive role" in going after armed pro-Aristide gangs. In practice, this has meant a wave of collective punishment inflicted on neighbourhoods known for supporting Aristide, most recently in Citoune on July 6.

Yet despite these attacks, Haitians are still on the streets - rejecting the planned sham elections, opposing privatisation and holding up photographs of their president. And just as Washington's experts could not fathom the possibility that Aristide would reject their advice a decade ago, today they cannot accept that his poor supporters could be acting of their own accord. "We believe that his people are receiving instructions directly from his voice and indirectly through his acolytes that communicate with him personally in South Africa," Noriega said.

Aristide claims no such powers. "The people are bright, the people are intelligent, the people are courageous," he says. They know that two plus two does not equal five.

Research assistance was provided by Aaron Mathebr> A version of this column was first published in the Nation (www.thenation.com).

| 31519|2010-01-21 15:41:24|Peter Gray|Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News|

I just responded to another e-mail I received on this subject, explaining the contrast between the old time type of cruise ship visits, when visitors roamed around the local village(s) and spent their \$\$ gathering local cuisine and artwork, and the modern model, wherein they are warned not to stray beyond the path outlined by their "guides" in order to avoid the local dangers (pick-pockets, etc.). If Royal Caribbean intends to have its passengers visit local crafts markets, bars and shops, then some financial benefit will accrue to the local inhabitants, but if they follow the modern model of herding them through pre-ordained visits to selected business contacts, then it's just more of the same old exploitation.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 14:14:04 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News

Maybe I should call this "Travelers not able to see the Big Picture"....

I want to send a "Ta-Ta Yah!!!" to the Royal Caribbean corporate offices for understanding that while Port-au Prince is devastated, the rest of Haiti is still up and running and they need tourist jobs and tourism dollars to continue even at this time. Haitians on other parts of the country are taking in fellow Haitians that lost everything, so the tourism jobs are essential at this time. Also, the cruise ships can indeed deliver supplies and personnel that passengers don't even need/get to see on such a large ship.

This is not a scandal, but a chance for the cruise line to make a humanitarian effort while they work on the cruise line BUSINESS.... win-win for everyone!!!

Sekhmet

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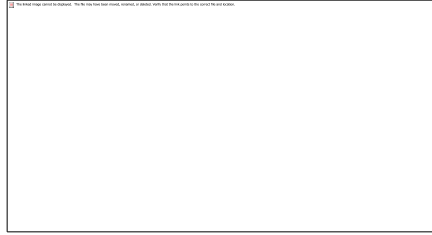
## **Royal Caribbean's decision to dock ships at Haitian resort creates controversy**



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*AFPOasis of the Seas, the world*

*biggest and most expensive cruise ship ever built arrives from  
Turku, Finland,*

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By now, most of us have seen and heard about the profound devastation and suffering wrought upon Haiti last week after a massive earthquake. So you'd probably think there's no way that cruising tourists could have returned to frolicking on Haiti's beaches mere miles from where people are trapped beneath the rubble of a decimated city. Unfortunately, you'd be wrong. On Sunday, [the Guardian reported](#) that Florida-based Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines is docking ships at the "picturesque wooded peninsula" known as Labadee, which it leases on Haiti's northern coast. At Labadee, passengers "enjoy jetski rides, parasailing, and rum cocktails delivered to their hammocks." [The British paper also reported](#) that passengers can spend their time "shopping for trinkets at a craft market" while armed guards stand at the entry to the complex to guarantee their safety. Despite the fact that the ships [have delivered relief supplies](#) to the island, some passengers on the ships are reportedly "sickened" over the decision to dock there. One passenger took to an Internet message board to protest the idea of vacationing where "tens of thousands of dead people are being piled up on the streets, with the survivors stunned and looking for food and water."

When Royal Caribbean [announced its decision](#) to resume stops at Labadee last week, a company executive cited the economic importance of the resort to the local citizens as well as the opportunity to deliver much-needed supplies.

"We also have tremendous opportunities to use our ships as transport vessels for relief supplies and personnel to Haiti," said associate vice president John Weis. "Simply put, we cannot abandon Haiti now that they need us most."

Still, Royal Caribbean, which recently raised eyebrows when it announced that it's [organizing a "cougar cruise"](#) for older single women, has been catching heat from all corners on their decision, prompting company CEO Adam Goldstein to post a defense of the company on their website. Saying that he is "proud of what our people and our ships are doing," [Goldstein writes](#):

*The ships going back to Labadee, including Navigator of the Seas today, are obviously making a very valuable contribution to the relief effort by offloading supplies at Labadee. The media understand this and generally have written and spoken about the relief effort in positive terms. But in the last 24 hours, sparked by an article in the Guardian in the UK, a different and more critical view has emerged that questions how our guests can justify having a good time in Labadee when there is such misery less than 100 miles away.*

*My view is this - it isn't better to replace a visit to Labadee (or for that matter, to stay on the ship while it's docked in Labadee) with a visit to another destination for a vacation. Why? Because being on the island and generating economic activity for the straw market vendors, the hair-braiders and our 230 employees helps with relief while being somewhere else does not help. These 500 people are going to need to support a much larger network of family and friends, including many who are in (or are missing in) the earthquake zone. Also, the north is going to bear a good part of the burden of the agony of the south, and the more economic support there is to the north, the better able the north will be to bear this burden. People enjoying themselves is what we do. People enjoying themselves in Labadee helps with relief. We support our guests who choose to help in this way which is consistent with our nearly 30 year history in Haiti.*

- Brett Michael Dykes is a contributor to the Yahoo! News blog

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| 31520|2010-01-21 15:59:16|Peter Gray|Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and  
"cursed" Africans |

The analogy: "blaming the Jews for the Holocaust" is a good one.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 18:23:54 -0800

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

"...like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust..."

Hello Shri Sa,

that is what I was thinking initially, and as usual, the nimrod had to put a religious "spin" on the blame, i.e. "cursed" Africans. Africans are no more cursed than any other ethnic group that has lost their "moral center" as caring beings.

I believe the Haitians will once again thrive as a nation once they get past the current crisis point in two to three weeks, as long as they don't have another major natural disaster. The DISinformation "experts" always crawl out from under their rocks when they have nothing positive to say nor can they reach out to support the neediest at this time without some outside support.

Sekhmet

P.S. - I send an individualpersonal email sometimesbecause of the delay in posts to the forum; if this is problematic for anyone, just let me know.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 4:19 PM

That is like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust.Jews did not leave their religion and/or spiritual practices behind after their tragedy, why should Haitians? I only hope Haitians come back a success, just like the Jewish people did.

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**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

**Sent:** Mon, January 18, 2010 8:19:58 AM

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ginkARhgvE>

This 20 sec youtube clip was sent to me, if it's genuine then it's clearest depiction of colonial mentality and shows just how important this listserve is.

The Haitian consul l sounding just like a redneck slaveowner blaming Haitians -



black ones for the earthquake.

Reminds me of the contempt light skinned 'I'm not black I'm european' Jamaicans had for the problems faced by the african JA diaspora in racist UK back in the day.

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| 31521|2010-01-21 22:15:56|K. Loganathan|Ancient Egyptian 'magic' makeup may have been medicine, too|

## **Ancient Egyptian 'magic' makeup may have been medicine, too**

by [Allison Stevens](#)

**Jan 21, 2010**



Allison Stevens/MEDILL

Egyptian makeup offered medical applications, but would not be used today due to toxicity. Depictions of Queen Nefertiti's alluring gaze always seem to suggest that she knew something we don't. We just never had proof. Until now.

French scientists recently discovered that ancient Egyptians eye makeup may have doubled as protection against eye infections. The Queen's secret was right in front of our eyes and hers all along.

"Beauty was important to them, but of course there was this practical side," James Phillips, curator of Near East archaeology and anthropology at the Field Museum.

In the study, published in the current issue of "Analytical Chemistry," Christian Amatore, Philippe Walter and colleagues report that ancient Egyptian makeup preserved in the Louvre contain four different lead-based substances that boost production of nitric oxide by up to 240 percent in human skin.

Nitric oxide has been shown to jumpstart the immune system to help fight disease. Ancient Egyptians, because of the marshy climate on the Nile River, had troubles with eye infections.

The scientists' conclusion? While many Egyptians revered eye makeup's "magic role" in protecting them from illness, Egyptian "chemists" may have deliberately concocted these lead-based cosmetics to prevent and treat eye diseases.

But for Phillips, "deliberate" is an iffy hypothesis.

"Did they know? Maybe they knew a little bit, I mean, cause and effect is a strange thing," he said. "They could observe diseases but I know of no conclusive texts that say they knew how to deal with these flies dropping eggs in the eyes, the bacteria."

Either way, the lead-based chemicals are not native to the region, so regardless of Egyptian motives, it's plausible that they brewed the substances to put in makeup for some reason or another possibly just for aesthetics, according to Phillips. Still, the French finding is an interesting one considering cosmetics regulations today focus on the toxicity of lead.

"It sounds to me that you have two things going on," Phillips said. "One: it may have been preventing diseases, but on the other hand it's bound to cause diseases."

Because of this, David Steinberg, a cosmetics regulatory and preserve expert who writes for "Cosmetics and Toiletries" magazine, said the French scientists' finding has no practical applications for women's cosmetics today.

"They had no concept of safety," Steinberg said. "Now would they work today? Yeah. They'd probably kill you, too. And they'd be against the law."

Steinberg said using lead in eye makeup would be against Food and Drug Administration guidelines, as well as against California Proposition 65, a law designed to keep certain chemicals including lead out of the state's drinking water.

The moral of the story? You may want to walk like an Egyptian, but you certainly don't want to start applying makeup like one.

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Cat goddess temple found in Egypt

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The undated photo shows the ancient cat-goddess Bastet found in the ruins of a temple discovered in the city of Alexandria.

Egyptian archaeologists have found the ruins of an ancient temple, which they believe might have belonged to the cat goddess Bastet.

The Ptolemaic-era temple was discovered in the Kom el-Dekkah neighborhood of the city of Alexandria, which is known for its Roman-era amphitheater and well preserved mosaics.

Head of the archeology team said finding the 2,000-year-old temple might be the first trace of the port city's royal quarters, AP reported.

According to Mohammed Abdel-Maqsood, the large number of Bastet statues shows that the temple might be the first in the Ptolemaic-era to have been dedicated to the cat goddess in Alexandria.

This would suggest that worshipping the cat goddess continued during the Ptolemaic period, he added.

Head of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities, Zahi Hawass said that the large number of missing stone blocks shows that the temple might have been used as a quarry in later times.

Alexandria, founded by Alexander the Great in the 4th century BCE, used to be the seat of the Greek-speaking Ptolemaic Dynasty, which ruled over Egypt for 300 years until the death of Queen Cleopatra

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| 31523|2010-01-22 11:35:20|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti|  
Finally, some honest information about Haiti from a talking head with a blog site. Their poverty is not "new" and of course big businesses will exploit the current tragedy setting them back even further once the "quake finally settles". That will, realistically speaking, be months from now....right in time for hurricane season to start if I miss my in-expert climate guess. Rather than send aide to a corrupt organization (and I have no problem with that), some people that can afford to give opt on sending "nothing at all" (((shaking my head))).

BTW,....Tafari, I got the recent list on who are reputable groups to send money to, I just haven't replied to it yet...thanks.

Anyhoo, what the Haitians desperately need after medical workers and supplies, are qualified structural engineers to build homes, schools and buildings. Teachers and agrinomists or horticultural experts to replace the foliage destroyed to burn for fuel or to build "lean to" houses like in the past. And some genuine political leaders not more interested in lining their own damn pockets, rather than helping Haitians to re-build their own country to a self-sustaining state. The average citizen poverty level is not "new" and can't be solely the responsibility of another country regardless of what the current talking heads and anti-American rumor mongers are saying...inside and outside Haiti.

My 2 cent opinion only.

Sekhmet

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OPINION | January 21, 2010

## **Op-Ed Columnist: Some Frank Talk About Haiti**

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

On [my blog](#), a woman named Mona pointed to Haitian corruption and declared: "I won't send money because I know what will happen to it."

Another reader attributed Haiti's poverty to "the low I.Q. of the 9 million people there," and added: "It is all very sad and cannot be fixed."

"Giving money to Haiti and other third-world countries is like throwing money in the toilet," another commenter said. A fourth asserted: "Haiti is a money pit. Dumping billions of dollars into it has proven futile. ... America is deeply in debt, and we can't afford it."

Not everyone is so frank, but the subtext of much of the discussion of Haiti is despair about both Haiti and foreign aid. Pat Robertson, the religious broadcaster, went furthest by suggesting that Haiti's earthquake flowed from a pact with the devil more than two centuries ago. While it's not for a journalist to nitpick a minister's theological credentials, that implication of belated seismic revenge on Haitian children seems defamatory of God.

Americans have also responded with a huge outpouring of assistance, including more than \$22 million raised by the Red Cross from text messages alone. But for those with doubts, let's have a frank discussion of Haiti's problems:

Why is Haiti so poor? Is it because Haitians are dimwitted or incapable of getting their act together?

Haiti isn't impoverished because the devil got his due; it's impoverished partly because of debts due. France imposed a huge debt that strangled Haiti. And when foreigners weren't looting Haiti, its own rulers were.

The greatest predation was the deforestation of Haiti, so that only 2 percent of the country is forested today. Some trees have been and continue to be [cut by local peasants](#), but many were destroyed either by foreigners or to pay off debts to foreigners. Last year, I drove across the island of Hispaniola, and it was surreal: You traverse what in places is a Haitian moonscape until you reach [the border](#) with the Dominican Republic and jungle.

Without trees, Haiti lost its topsoil through erosion, crippling agriculture. To visit Haiti is to know that its problem isn't its people. They are its treasure smart, industrious and hospitable and Haitians tend to be successful in the United States (and everywhere but in Haiti).

Can our billions in aid to Haitians accomplish anything? After all, a Wall Street Journal column argues, "To help Haiti, end foreign aid."

First, don't exaggerate [how much we give or they get](#).

Haiti ranks 42nd among poor countries in worldwide aid received per person (\$103 in 2008, more than one-quarter of which comes from the United States). David Roodman of the Center for Global Development calculates that in 2008, official American aid to Haiti amounted to 92 cents per

American.

The United States gives more to Haiti than any other country. But it ranks 11th in per capita giving. Canadians give five times as much per person as we do.

As for whether aid promotes economic growth, that's a bitter and unresolved argument. But even the leading critics of aid William Easterly, a New York University economist, and Dambisa Moyo, a banker turned author believe in assisting Haiti after the earthquake.

"I think we have a moral imperative," Ms. Moyo told me. "I do believe the international community should act."

Likewise, Professor Easterly said: "Of course, I am in favor of aid to Haiti earthquake victims!"

So, is Haiti hopeless? Is Bill O'Reilly right? He said: "Once again, we will do more than anyone else on the planet, and one year from today Haiti will be just as bad as it is right now."

No, he's not right. And this is the most pernicious myth of all. In fact, Haiti in recent years has been much better managed under President René Préval and has shown signs of being on the mend.

Far more than most other impoverished countries particularly those in Africa Haiti could plausibly turn itself around. It has an excellent geographic location, there are no regional wars, and it could boom if it could just export to the American market.

A [report for the United Nations](#) by a prominent British economist, Paul Collier, outlined the best strategy for Haiti: building garment factories. That idea (sweatshops!) may sound horrific to Americans. But it's a strategy that has worked for other countries, such as Bangladesh, and Haitians in the slums would tell you that their most fervent wish is for jobs. A few dozen major shirt factories could be transformational for Haiti.

So in the coming months as we help Haitians rebuild, let's dispatch not only aid workers, but also business investors. Haiti desperately needs new schools and hospitals, but also new factories.

And let's challenge the myth that because Haiti has been poor, it always will be. That kind of self-fulfilling fatalism may be the biggest threat of all to Haiti, the real pact with the devil.

I invite you to visit my blog, [On the Ground](#).

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| 31524|2010-01-22 11:35:25|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Cally being hit hard by El Nino!

Hello Wiselady,

I am not in your area/state at all, but mudslides during the rainy season are common. Listen to the weather radio and be prepared to leave as soon as they say. Living areas can be replaced, YOU cannot be replaced.

Take care,

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/21/10, Li (wiseladyowl)** wrote:

From: Li (wiseladyowl)

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Cally being hit hard by El Nino!

To: Ta\_Seti@yahogroups.com

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010, 10:14 AM

It's very scary here, the rain does not seem to be stopping and some places are being threatened with mudslides. Alameda seems to be ok for now but this needs to stop soon and one else here in bay area cali??

--- On **Thu, 1/21/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Cally being hit hard by El Nino!

To: "IE Brown"

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010, 7:34 AM

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IB,

Well, you have a perfect storm in place:

\* California Commercial & Residential Real Estate projects that were halted as late as 2007 being super soaked by massive amounts of rain thus accelerating

their demise due to BLACK MOLD, fungus, & general rotting sites

\* California State Budgetary crisis whereas they will NOT be able to come your rescue or bail you out in any sort of way if your business or home is flooded out. All you stay-@-home or work@home brothers & sisters out there still trying to hustle the American dream in Cally -- forget about it!

\* Previous fire storms & mass earth wasting due to sinkholes because of off-shore & on-shore oil & gas drilling make for a serious mix - **IF YOU HAVE SMALL CHILDREN, PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR THEM VERY CAREFULLY?**

Some of these sinkholes are big enough to swallow up an entire home in a matter of seconds! I kid you not!! The serious rain will only accelerate the creation of these sinkholes, both large & small, not to mention all of the boreholes created in the INLAND EMPIRE & HIGH DESERT due to the old ranches & farms water wells that were capped off during the 70s' & 80s.

And,

my dear Black Ladies -- leave those breast implants & reductions alone! Anytime you open up your lymph nodes due to surgery [YOUR BREAST ARE ONE HUGE PART OF YOUR LYMPHATIC SYSTEM with specialized lymphatic tissue to excrete milk @ the right time in your life] you expose yourself to a good chance of getting CANCER!

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<http://www.cnn.com/2010/SHOWBIZ/TV/01/20/survivor.palau.contestant.dies/index.html?hpt=Sbin>

This article made me think of Sister Dr. Denise Phelps, a graduate of U.S.C. school of Rx AND taught @ Howard U AND was a deputy research fellow @ the HIV/AIDS study. Breast cancer took her out of her in all of six months

& she practiced natural health. It just creep up on her and took her out quickly. She went from a nice figure to skin & bones. I THINK CANCER CELLS CAN BE 1000% KILLED OFF W/O KILLING YOUR OWN CELLS WITH ALL NATURAL METHODS JUST RECENTLY UNDERSTOOD.

If you know of anyone with any stage of Cancer wanting an alternative treatment, please have them to call me ASAP? I wish to place them under the anti-cancer modified **TORRY PROTOCOL** asap!

Respectfully & humbly yours,

brother hebrew ben yisrael

| 31525|2010-01-22 11:35:38|Agola Kisira|THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES - The hate and the quake|

## **The Hate and the Quake**

Published on: 17th January 2010by Sir Hilary Beckles

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES is in the process of conceiving how



best to deliver a major conference on the theme Rethinking And Rebuilding Haiti.

I am very keen to provide an input into this exercise because for too long there has been a popular perception that somehow the Haitian nation-building project, launched on January 1, 1804, has failed on account of mismanagement, ineptitude, corruption.

Buried beneath the rubble of imperial propaganda, out of both Western Europe and the United States, is the evidence which shows that Haiti's independence was defeated by an aggressive North-Atlantic alliance that could not imagine their world inhabited by a free regime of Africans as representatives of the newly emerging democracy.

The evidence is striking, especially in the context of France.

The Haitians fought for their freedom and won, as did the Americans fifty years earlier. The Americans declared their independence and crafted an extraordinary constitution that set out a clear message about the value of humanity and the right to freedom, justice, and liberty.

In the midst of this brilliant discourse, they chose to retain slavery as the basis of the new nation state. The founding fathers therefore could not see beyond race, as the free state was built on a slavery foundation.

The water was poisoned in the well; the Americans went back to the battlefield a century later to resolve the fact that slavery and freedom could not comfortably co-exist in the same place.

The French, also, declared freedom, fraternity and equality as the new philosophies of their national transformation and gave the modern world a tremendous progressive boost by so doing.

They abolished slavery, but Napoleon Bonaparte could not imagine the republic without slavery and targeted the Haitians for a new, more intense regime of slavery. The British agreed, as did the Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese.

All were linked in communion over the 500 000 Blacks in Haiti, the most populous and prosperous Caribbean colony.

As the jewel of the Caribbean, they all wanted to get their hands on it. With a

massive slave base, the English, French and Dutch salivated over owning it - and the people.

The people won a ten-year war, the bloodiest in modern history, and declared their independence. Every other country in the Americas was based on slavery.

Haiti was freed, and proceeded to place in its 1805 Independence Constitution that any person of African descent who arrived on its shores would be declared free, and a citizen of the republic.

For the first time since slavery had commenced, Blacks were the subjects of mass freedom and citizenship in a nation.

The French refused to recognise Haiti's independence and declared it an illegal pariah state. The Americans, whom the Haitians looked to in solidarity as their mentor in independence, refused to recognise them, and offered solidarity instead to the French. The British, who were negotiating with the French to obtain the ownership title to Haiti, also moved in solidarity, as did every other nation-state the Western world.

Haiti was isolated at birth - ostracised and denied access to world trade, finance, and institutional development. It was the most vicious example of national strangulation recorded in modern history.

The Cubans, at least, have had Russia, China, and Vietnam.. The Haitians were alone from inception. The crumbling began.

Then came 1825; the moment of full truth. The republic is celebrating its 21st anniversary. There is national euphoria in the streets of Port-au-Prince.

The economy is bankrupt; the political leadership isolated. The cabinet took the decision that the state of affairs could not continue.

The country had to find a way to be inserted back into the world economy. The French government was invited to a summit.

Officials arrived and told the Haitian government that they were willing to recognise the country as a sovereign nation but it would have to pay compensation and reparation in exchange. The Haitians, with backs to the wall, agreed to pay the French.

The French government sent a team of accountants and actuaries into Haiti in order to place a value on all lands, all physical assets, the 500 000 citizens were who formerly enslaved, animals, and all other commercial properties and services.

The sums amounted to 150 million gold francs. Haiti was told to pay this reparation to France in return for national recognition.

The Haitian government agreed; payments began immediately. Members of the Cabinet were also valued because they had been enslaved people before independence.

Thus began the systematic destruction of the Republic of Haiti. The French government bled the nation and rendered it a failed state.. It was a merciless exploitation that was designed and guaranteed to collapse the Haitian economy and society.

Haiti was forced to pay this sum until 1922 when the last instalment was made. During the long 19th century, the payment to France amounted to up to 70 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

Jamaica today pays up to 70 per cent in order to service its international and domestic debt. Haiti was crushed by this debt payment. It descended into financial and social chaos.

The republic did not stand a chance. France was enriched and it took pleasure from the fact that having been defeated by Haitians on the battlefield, it had won on the field of finance. In the years when the coffee crops failed, or the sugar yield was down, the Haitian government borrowed on the French money market at double the going interest rate in order to repay the French government.

When the Americans invaded the country in the early 20th century, one of the reasons offered was to assist the French in collecting its reparations.

The collapse of the Haitian nation resides at the feet of France and America, especially. These two nations betrayed, failed, and destroyed the dream that was Haiti; crushed to dust in an effort to destroy the flower of freedom and the seed of justice.

Haiti did not fail. **It was destroyed by two of the most powerful nations on earth,**

both of which continue to have a primary interest in its current condition.

The sudden quake has come in the aftermath of summers of hate. In many ways the quake has been less destructive than the hate.

Human life was snuffed out by the quake, while the hate has been a long and inhumane suffocation - a crime against humanity.

During the 2001 UN Conference on Race in Durban, South Africa, strong representation was made to the French government to repay the 150 million francs.

The value of this amount was estimated by financial actuaries as US\$21 billion. This sum of capital could rebuild Haiti and place it in a position to re-engage the modern world. It was illegally extracted from the Haitian people and should be repaid.

It is stolen wealth. In so doing, France could discharge its moral obligation to the Haitian people.

For a nation that prides itself in the celebration of modern diplomacy, France, in order to exist with the moral authority of this diplomacy in this post-modern world, should do the just and legal thing.

Such an act at the outset of this century would open the door for a sophisticated interface of past and present, and set the Haitian nation free at last.

I Sir Hilary Beckles is pro-vice-chancellor and Principal of the Cave Hill Campus, UWI.

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| 31526|2010-01-22 11:35:57|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News|

Hello Peter.....

Caribbean Cruise Lines IS a business; the tours were most likely booked before the quake so I

don't know what the procedures are for cancelling a trip so don't take my information too seriously.

Anyhoo, if they are making the trip anyway and dropping off much needed supplies and staff, I don't see a problem with that. "Exploitation" of a tourist trap/site is a problem for whom? Safety concerns I understand, but that is the same thing at any tourist site, whether in Mexico, Egypt or Britain...tourists have money, pickpockets want it. Still, the small business that needs tourist dollars is not really exploitation, but a small business trying to survive on tourist dollars. If I am not understanding your point, please clarify.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/21/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010, 5:41 PM

I just responded to another e-mail I received on this subject, explaining the contrast between the old time type of cruise ship visits, when visitors roamed around the local village(s) and spent their \$\$ gathering local cuisine and artwork, and the modern model, wherein they are warned not to stray beyond the path outlined by their "guides" in order to avoid the local dangers (pick-pockets, etc.). If Royal Caribbean intends to have its passengers visit local crafts markets, bars and shops, then some financial benefit will accrue to the local inhabitants, but if they follow the modern model of herding them through pre-ordained visits to selected business contacts, then it's just more of the same old exploitation.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 14:14:04 -0800

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News

Maybe I should call this "Travelers not able to see the Big Picture"....

I want to send a "Ta-Ta Yah!!!" to the Royal Caribbean corporate offices for understanding that while Port-au Prince is devastated, the rest of Haiti is still up and running and they need tourist jobs and tourism dollars to continue even at this time. Haitians on other parts of the country are taking in fellow Haitians that lost everything, so the tourism jobs are essential at this time. Also, the cruise ships can indeed deliver supplies and personnel that passengers don't even need/get to

see on such a large ship.

This is not a scandal, but a chance for the cruise line to make a humanitarian effort while they work on the cruise line BUSINESS.... win-win for everyone!!!

Sekhmet

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Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 3:49 PM




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## Royal Caribbean's decision to dock ships at Haitian resort creates controversy



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*AFPOasis of the Seas, the world biggest and most expensive cruise ship ever built arrives from Turku, Finland, 2hrs27minsago*

By now, most of us have seen and heard about the profound devastation and suffering wrought upon Haiti last week after a massive earthquake. So you'd probably think there's no way that cruising tourists could have returned to

frolicking on Haiti's beaches mere miles from where people are trapped beneath the rubble of a decimated city. Unfortunately, you'd be wrong.

On Sunday, [the Guardian reported](#) that Florida-based Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines is docking ships at the "picturesque wooded peninsula" known as Labadee, which it leases on Haiti's northern coast. At Labadee, passengers "enjoy jetski rides, parasailing, and rum cocktails delivered to their hammocks." [The British paper also reported](#) that passengers can spend their time "shopping for trinkets at a craft market" while armed guards stand at the entry to the complex to guarantee their safety.

Despite the fact that the ships [have delivered relief supplies](#) to the island, some passengers on the ships are reportedly "sickened" over the decision to dock there. One passenger took to an Internet message board to protest the idea of vacationing where "tens of thousands of dead people are being piled up on the streets, with the survivors stunned and looking for food and water."

When Royal Caribbean [announced its decision](#) to resume stops at Labadee last week, a company executive cited the economic importance of the resort to the local citizens as well as the opportunity to deliver much-needed supplies.

"We also have tremendous opportunities to use our ships as transport vessels for relief supplies and personnel to Haiti," said associate vice president John Weis. "Simply put, we cannot abandon Haiti now that they need us most."

Still, Royal Caribbean, which recently raised eyebrows when it announced that it's [organizing a "cougar cruise"](#) for older single women, has been catching heat from all corners on their decision, prompting company CEO Adam Goldstein to post a defense of the company on their website. Saying that he is "proud of what our people and our ships are doing," [Goldstein writes](#):

*The ships going back to Labadee, including Navigator of the Seas today, are obviously making a very valuable contribution to the relief effort by offloading supplies at Labadee. The media understand this and generally have written and spoken about the relief effort in positive terms. But in the last 24 hours, sparked by an article in the Guardian in the UK, a different and more critical view has emerged that questions how our guests can justify having a good time in Labadee when there is such misery less than 100 miles away.*

*My view is this - it isn't better to replace a visit to Labadee (or for that matter, to stay on the ship while it's docked in Labadee) with a visit to another destination for a vacation. Why? Because being on the island and generating economic activity for the straw market vendors, the hair-braiders and our 230 employees helps with relief while being somewhere else does not help. These 500 people are going to need to support a much larger network of family and friends, including many who are in (or are missing in) the earthquake zone. Also, the north is going to bear a good part of the burden of the agony of the south, and the more economic support there is to the north, the better able the north will be to bear*

*this burden. People enjoying themselves is what we do. People enjoying themselves in Labadee helps with relief. We support our guests who choose to help in this way which is consistent with our nearly 30 year history in Haiti.*

- Brett Michael Dykes is a contributor to the Yahoo! News blog =====  
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| 31527|2010-01-22 11:36:12|sekhmet Johnson|Re: A Mother's Justice, Pt. One|  
A real American tragedy, home invasion and the murder of your child....what is the world coming to? -Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/21/10**, **pookynem2@yahoo.com** wrote:

Thursday, January 21, 2010, 3:58 PM  
LIFE AFTER DEATH: part one

## How the mother of a slain 9-year-old sank into despair, then sought justice



Gallery





## [Life after death](#)

A look at 9-year-old Erika Smith's life, the aftermath of her murder, and her mother Carol's search for peace and justice.

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By [Neely Tucker](#)

Washington Post Staff Writer

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Erika Georgette Smith was a gorgeous 9-year-old with long black hair and dark brown eyes and honey-brown skin. She loved her cats Pounce and Floppy. She was thin and shy and popular. She was a girlie girl but liked to think of herself as a sporty girl.

This Story

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Late on the night of Aug. 6, 2002, she was pistol-whipped and shot to death at point-blank range by a man who broke into her father's house in Silver Spring.

The bullet ripped through the back of her neck, down through her heart and out of her chest and hit the floor with such force it left a divot. The killer shot her dad, Greg Russell, an accountant, six times. The killer ran. No motive would ever be known. Greg died after calling 911.

The next morning, Erika's mother, Carol Smith, was at her law office, where she was a director of information technology. She was expecting a giggly phone call from the pair, as Erika was visiting Greg so he could take her to get braces. The phone rang, but it was the human resources director.

When Carol stepped into his office, she saw two detectives.

That evening, a shell of her former self, propped up by her sister, she forced herself to walk into the morgue for corpse identification.

Murder fascinates us, apart from all other crimes, and little is more darkly compelling to the American psyche than the mysterious slaying of a beautiful child. There are real-life horror stories from Adam Walsh to JonBenét Ramsey. There are fictional works, from the superb "[Pan's Labyrinth](#)" to the ghastly "[The Lovely Bones](#)," which was released in theaters last week.

In part this fascination is triggered by rarity. Americans kill one another all the time, but the most uncommon homicide is strangers killing children. In 2002, 16,229 homicides were committed in the United States. Only 11 of the victims were girls between 6 and 11 killed by a stranger. Erika was one of 11.

How can a parent go on? What happens to the bonds between mother and daughter?

The following account of Carol Smith's life after Erika's death covers more than seven years. It involves crushing despair, a tortuous odyssey through the criminal justice system, being cross-examined in court by the man who killed her child, and, through sheer will, surviving to build a new life.

As it happens, I have had an unusual, front-row seat to this arc of grief. I wrote for the front page of this newspaper a lengthy investigation of how the suspect had tricked prison and parole officials into releasing him a few months before the killings. After the story was published, I

developed a friendship with Carol Smith. Four years later, we were married. That's how it came to be that I stood behind Carol when she talked to the television reporters at the [murder trial in the fall of 2008](#). I held her purse and tried to think of a way to be useful. And about the only way I have found is to write down what happened after Erika died -- to show the hold she retains on the living, the lasting nature of those bonds between mother and daughter.

| 31528|2010-01-22 11:36:13|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti: A Historical Timeline|

This should probably go under the thread of "Why is Haiti so poor?" since folks are apparently "stuck" blaming Dubya, Daddy Dubya, the CIA or the French for the last couple of decades of poverty. I personally, don't know the particulars....and there are many...but once Haiti gained their indepenence, it appears that some of their "homegrown whackjobs" liked the usual way of governance of a country, meaning only a handful were "elite" while the vast majority were dining on "mud cakes"...literally. (*Oooops; I guess I shouldn't have let anyone know that I routinely check up on predominantly black nations from time to time to see if black leaders have become "Westernized" in their treatment of their fellow citizens. Ah well, too late now.*)

Anyhoo, I can't change anything but sometimes I like to make suggestions on how to improve the lives of the lower class citizens, but....I'm just a giiirrrllll...LOL!! -Sekhmet

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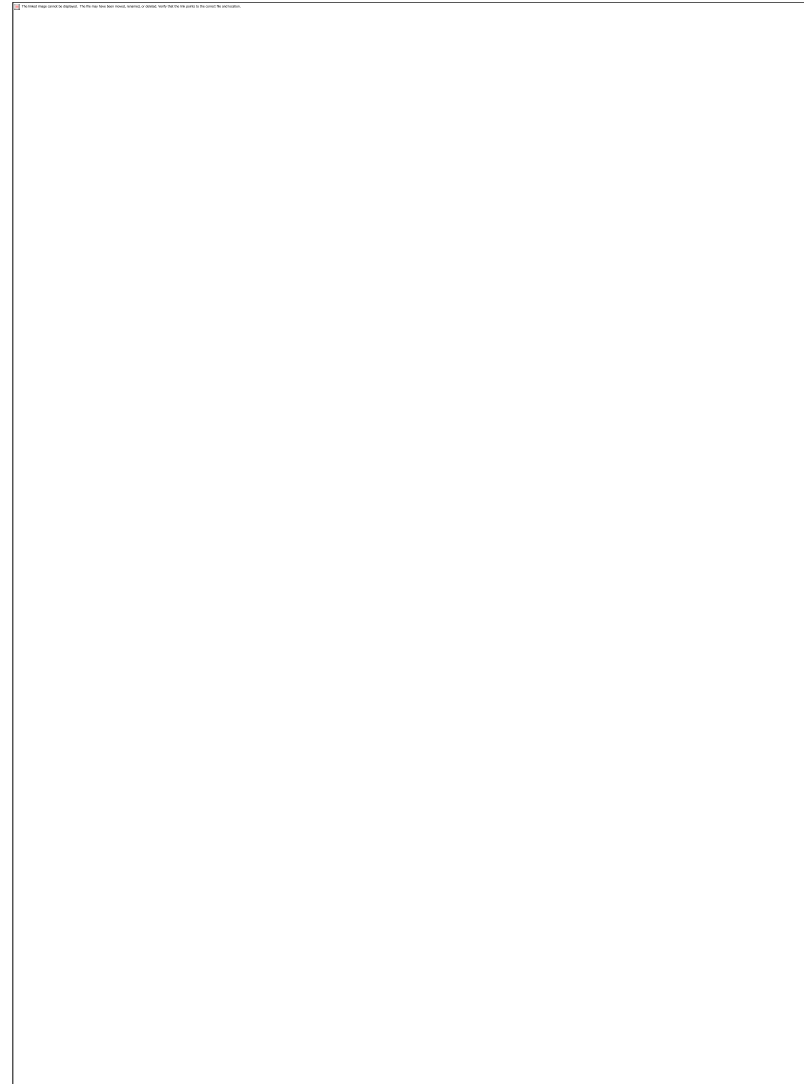
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A timeline of important dates in Haiti's history.

## Haiti - A Historical Timeline

### Important dates in Haiti's history

- By: Joel Dreyfuss | Posted: January 16, 2010 at 3:29 PM



### Important Dates in Haitian History

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A timeline of important dates in Haiti's history.

1492 - Dec. 5, Columbus lands on a large island he names Isla Española (Spanish Island), later changed to Hispaniola. It is inhabited by Taino and Arawak Indians.

1503 - First Africans brought to Hispaniola for labor after pleas from a Spanish priest who wants to save the Indians from extinction.

1592 - Spanish governor executes Queen Anacaona, the last Taino chief.

1659 - First official settlement on Tortuga (off the coast of Haiti) by French buccaneers who hunt wild cattle and by pirates who attack ships sailing from South America to Europe.

1664 - French West India Company takes control of Western third of the island and names it Saint-Domingue.

1670 - First French settlement on the main island, named Cap François, later Cap-François and now Cap-Haïtien, the second largest city in Haiti. Settlers grow cacao, coffee, tobacco and indigo and begin importing

slaves as labor.

1685 - Louis XIV enacts the Code Noir, which regulates the treatment of slaves and sets obligations for owners. Corporal punishment is allowed, sanctioning brutal treatment.

1697 - Spain formally cedes the Western third of the island to France via the Treaty of Ryswick.

1749 - Port-au-Prince is founded.

1758 - Rebel leader Mackandal, born in Guinea, is captured and burned alive in Cap-Francois after seven years of leading an insurrection.

1777 - French officers lead a regiment of 750 free blacks from Saint-Domingue to help the fledgling U.S. fight British troops at Savannah, Georgia. The unit includes several future leaders of Haiti.

1780 - Saint-Domingue is France's richest colony, producing 40 percent of all sugar and 60 percent of all coffee consumed in Europe.

1789 - When the French Revolution starts, the colony has 500,000 slaves, 32,000 whites and 25,000 people of color (mixed-race), many of whom have inherited wealth and slaves from their white fathers.

1791 - August 22 - Slave revolt begins. Tradition says it starts with a voodoo ceremony led by Dutty Boukman. He is captured and executed but revolt spreads and plantations are torched.

1794 - February 4 - French Assembly abolishes slavery in all its colonies, ratifying what is already reality in Saint-Domingue.

1801 - Toussaint L'Ouverture defeats British and Spanish troops that invaded Santo Domingo and controls the entire island.

1802 - Napoleon sends 40,000 troops under his brother-in-law, Gen. Charles Leclerc, to re-establish slavery in the colonies. Leclerc deceives and captures Toussaint and ships him to France, where he dies in prison.

1804 - Jan. 1 - After defeating the French forces, Jean-Jacques Dessalines declares Haiti an independent nation, taking an Arawak name meaning country of mountains.

1806 - Dessalines is assassinated and Haiti splits into two states, a northern state led by an emperor, Henri Christophe, and a southern republic led by president Alexandre Pétion.

1820 - After the deaths of Pétion and Christophe, Jean-Pierre Boyer unifies Haiti into one nation and takes control of Santo Domingo as well.

1825 - France's King Charles X recognizes Haiti's independence but demands 150 million francs in indemnity, backing his conditions with a fleet of warships.

1844 - Dominican Republic declares its independence from Haiti.

1863 - U.S. President Abraham Lincoln recognizes Haiti and allows trade for the first time.

1904 - Haiti celebrates 100 years of independence.

1915 - U.S. forces occupy Haiti; they will stay until 1934.

1930 - First full democratic elections in Haiti; Stenio Vincent elected.

1937 - Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo orders the expulsion of

Haitians working in his country. Between 17,000 and 35,000 are killed.  
 1957 - Francois Duvalier, a doctor, is elected president. "Papa Doc" establishes one of the most brutal dictatorships in Haitian history. His rule is enforced by a militia commonly-known as Tonton Macoutes.  
 1971- Duvalier dies; his son takes power and is proclaimed President-for-Life, like his father.  
 1974 - The Haitian national soccer team participates in the World Cup.  
 1986 - Unrest leads the military to oust "Baby Doc" and his kleptocratic clan.  
 1990 - Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a former Catholic priest is elected with 67% of the vote.  
 1991 - Aristide is ousted in a coup that many Haitians believe was financed by the business elite.  
 1994 - Backed by a UN resolution, the Clinton Administration restores Aristide to power.  
 1996 - René Préval elected President; he is seen as a stand-in for Aristide.  
 2000- Aristide elected President again after much-disputed parliamentary elections.  
 2004 - Aristide leaves under pressure of an armed rebellion; he claims the U.S. kidnapped him and shipped him out.  
 2006 - Préval elected again. A UN peacekeeping force in Haiti since 2003 grows to 9,000 troops.  
 2008 - Unrest erupts as Haitians riot against high food prices.  
 2010 - January 12 - An earthquake with a magnitude of 7.0 devastates Port-au-Prince and damages much of Haiti.

| 31529|2010-01-22 11:36:15|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti: When the Media Is the Disaster|  
 I will admit that I haven't read this article .... yet; but they are usually insightful writers at Common Dreams. However, you know how I feel about MOST talking heads...ROTFL!!!  
 Sekhmet

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 Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/21/10**, **pookynem2@yahoo.com** wrote:



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## Covering Haiti: When the Media Is the Disaster

by Rebecca Solnit

Soon after almost every disaster the crimes begin: ruthless, selfish, indifferent to human suffering, and generating far more suffering. The perpetrators go unpunished and live to commit further crimes against humanity. They care less for human life than for property. They act without regard for consequences.

I'm talking, of course, about those members of the mass media whose misrepresentation of what goes on in disaster often abets and justifies a second wave of disaster. I'm talking about the treatment of sufferers as criminals, both on the ground and in the news, and the endorsement of a shift of resources from rescue to property patrol. They still have blood on their hands from Hurricane Katrina, and they are staining themselves anew in Haiti.

Within days of the Haitian earthquake, for example, the *Los Angeles Times* ran [a series of photographs with captions](#) that kept deploying the word "looting." One was of a man lying face down on the ground with this caption: "A Haitian police officer ties up a suspected looter who was carrying a bag of evaporated milk." The man's sweaty face looks up at the camera, beseeching, anguished.

Another photo was labeled: "Looting continued in Haiti on the third day after the earthquake, although there were more police in downtown Port-au-Prince." It showed a somber crowd wandering amid shattered piles of concrete in a landscape where, visibly, there could be little worth taking anyway.

A third image was captioned: "A looter makes off with rolls of fabric from an earthquake-wrecked store." Yet another: "The body of a police officer lies in a Port-au-Prince street. He was accidentally shot by fellow police who mistook him for a looter."

People were then still trapped alive in the rubble. A translator for Australian TV [dug out a toddler](#) who'd survived 68 hours without food or water, orphaned but claimed by an uncle who had lost his pregnant wife. Others were hideously wounded and awaiting medical attention that wasn't arriving. Hundreds of thousands, maybe millions, needed, and still need, water, food, shelter, and first aid. The media in disaster bifurcates. Some step out of their usual "objective" roles to respond with kindness and practical aid. Others bring out the arsenal of cliché and pernicious myths and begin to assault the survivors all over again.

The "looter" in the first photo might well have been taking that milk to starving children and babies, but for the news media that wasn't the most urgent problem. The "looter" stooped under the weight of two big bolts of fabric might well have been bringing it to now homeless people trying to shelter from a fierce tropical sun under improvised tents.

The pictures do convey desperation, but they *don't* convey crime. Except perhaps for that shooting of a fellow police officer -- his colleagues were so focused on property that they were reckless when it came to human life, and a man died for no good reason in a landscape already saturated with death.

In recent days, there have been scattered accounts of confrontations involving weapons, and these may be a different matter. But the man with the powdered milk? Is he really a criminal? There may be more to know, but with what I've seen I'm not convinced.

### **What Would You Do?**

Imagine, reader, that your city is shattered by a disaster. Your home no longer exists, and you spent what cash was in your pockets days ago. Your credit cards are meaningless because there is no longer any power to run credit-card charges. Actually, there are no longer any storekeepers, any banks, any commerce, or much of anything to buy. The economy has ceased to exist.

By day three, you're pretty hungry and the water you grabbed on your way out of your house is gone. The thirst is far worse than the hunger. You can go for many days without food, but not water. And in the improvised encampment you settle in, there is an old man near you who seems on the edge of death. He no longer responds when you try to reassure him that this ordeal will surely end. Toddlers are now crying constantly, and their mothers infinitely stressed and distressed.

So you go out to see if any relief organization has finally arrived to distribute anything, only to realize that there are a million others like you stranded with nothing, and there isn't likely to be anywhere near enough aid anytime soon. The guy with the corner store has already given away all his goods to the neighbors. That supply's long gone by now. No wonder, when you see the chain pharmacy with the shattered windows or the supermarket, you don't think twice before grabbing a box of PowerBars and a few gallons of water that might keep you alive and help you save a few lives as well.

The old man might not die, the babies might stop their squalling, and the mothers might lose that look on their faces. Other people are calmly wandering in and helping themselves, too. Maybe they're people like you, and that gallon of milk the fellow near you has taken is going to spoil soon anyway. You haven't shoplifted since you were 14, and you have plenty of money to your name. But it doesn't mean anything now.

If you grab that stuff are you a criminal? Should you end up lying in the dirt on your stomach with a cop tying your hands behind your back? Should you end up labeled a looter in the international media? Should you be shot down in the street, since the overreaction in disaster, almost *any* disaster, often includes the imposition of the death penalty without benefit of trial for suspected minor property crimes?

Or are you a rescuer? Is the survival of disaster victims more important than the preservation of everyday property relations? Is that chain pharmacy more vulnerable, more a victim, more in need of help from the National Guard than you are, or those crying kids, or the thousands still trapped in buildings and soon to die?

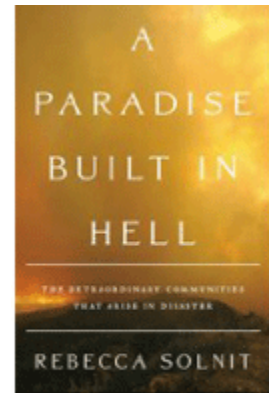
It's pretty obvious what my answers to these questions are, but it isn't obvious to the mass media. And in disaster after disaster, at least since the San Francisco earthquake of 1906, those in power, those with guns and the force of law behind them, are too often more concerned for property than human life. In an emergency, people can, and do, die from those priorities. Or they get gunned down for minor thefts or imagined thefts. The media not only endorses such outcomes, but regularly, repeatedly, helps prepare the way for, and then eggs on, such a reaction.

### **If Words Could Kill**

We need to banish the word "looting" from the English language. It incites madness and obscures realities.

"Loot," the noun and the verb, is a word of Hindi origin meaning the spoils of war or other goods seized roughly. As historian Peter Linebaugh [points out](#), "At one time loot was the soldier's pay." It entered the English language as a good deal of loot from India entered the English economy, both in soldiers' pockets and as imperial seizures.

After [years of interviewing survivors of disasters](#), and reading first-hand accounts and sociological studies from such disasters as the London Blitz and the Mexico City earthquake of 1985, I don't believe in looting. Two things go on in disasters. The great majority of what



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happens you could call emergency requisitioning. Someone who could be you, someone in the kind of desperate circumstances I outlined above, takes necessary supplies to sustain human life in the absence of any alternative. Not only would I not call that looting, I wouldn't even call that theft.

Necessity is a defense for breaking the law in the United States and other countries, though it's usually applied more to, say, confiscating the car keys of a drunk driver than feeding hungry children. Taking things you don't need is theft under any circumstances. It is, says the disaster sociologist Enrico Quarantelli, who has been studying the subject for more than half a century, vanishingly rare in most disasters.

Personal gain is the last thing most people are thinking about in the aftermath of a disaster. In that phase, the survivors are almost invariably more altruistic and less attached to their own property, less concerned with the long-term questions of acquisition, status, wealth, and security, than just about anyone not in such situations imagines possible. (The best accounts from Haiti of how people with next to nothing have patiently tried to share the little they have and support those in even worse shape than them only emphasize this disaster reality.) Crime often drops in the wake of a disaster.

The media are another matter. They tend to arrive obsessed with property (and the headlines that assaults on property can make). Media outlets often call everything looting and thereby incite hostility toward the sufferers as well as a hysterical overreaction on the part of the armed authorities. Or sometimes the journalists on the ground do a good job and the editors back in their safe offices cook up the crazy photo captions and the wrongheaded interpretations and emphases.

They also deploy the word *panic* wrongly. Panic among ordinary people in crisis is profoundly uncommon. The media will call a crowd of people running from certain death a panicking mob, even though running is the only sensible thing to do. In Haiti, they continue to report that food is being withheld from distribution for fear of "stampedes." Do they think Haitians are cattle?

The belief that people in disaster (particularly poor and nonwhite people) are cattle or animals or just crazy and untrustworthy regularly justifies spending far too much energy and far too many resources on control -- the American military calls it "security" -- rather than relief. A British-accented voiceover on CNN [calls people sprinting](#) to where supplies are being dumped from a helicopter a "stampede" and adds that this delivery "risks sparking chaos." The chaos already exists, and you can't blame it on these people desperate for food and water. Or you can, and in doing so help convince your audience that they're unworthy and untrustworthy.

Back to looting: of course you can consider Haiti's dire poverty and failed institutions a long-term disaster that changes the rules of the game. There might be people who are not only interested in taking the things they need to survive in the next few days, but things they've never been entitled to own or things they may need next month. Technically that's theft, but I'm not particularly surprised or distressed by it; the distressing thing is that even before the terrible quake they led lives of deprivation and desperation.

In ordinary times, minor theft is often considered a misdemeanor. No one is harmed. Unchecked, minor thefts could perhaps lead to an environment in which there were more thefts and so forth, and a good argument can be made that, in such a case, the tide needs to be stemmed. But it's not particularly significant in a landscape of terrible suffering and mass death.

A number of radio hosts and other media personnel are still upset that people apparently took TVs after Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans in August 2005. Since I started thinking about, and talking to people about, disaster aftermaths I've heard a lot about those damned TVs. Now,



which matters more to you, televisions or human life? People were dying on rooftops and in overheated attics and freeway overpasses, they were stranded in all kinds of hideous circumstances on the Gulf Coast in 2005 when the mainstream media began to obsess about looting, and the mayor of New Orleans and the governor of Louisiana made the decision to focus on protecting property, not human life.

A gang of white men on the other side of the river from New Orleans got so worked up about property crimes that they decided to take the law into their own hands and began shooting. They seem to have considered all black men criminals and thieves and [shot](#) a number of them. Some apparently died; there were bodies bloating in the September sun far from the region of the floods; one good man trying to evacuate the ruined city barely survived; and the media looked away. It [took me months of nagging](#) to even get the story covered. This vigilante gang claimed to be protecting property, though its members never demonstrated that their property was threatened. They boasted of killing black men. And they shared values with the mainstream media and the Louisiana powers that be.

Somehow, when the Bush administration subcontracted emergency services -- like providing evacuation buses in Hurricane Katrina -- to cronies who profited even while providing incompetent, overpriced, and much delayed service at the moment of greatest urgency, we didn't label that looting.

Or when a lot of wealthy Wall Street brokers decide to tinker with a basic human need like housing.... Well, you catch my drift.

Woody Guthrie once sang that "some will rob you with a six-gun, and some with a fountain pen." The guys with the six guns (or machetes or sharpened sticks) make for better photographs, and the guys with the fountain pens not only don't end up in jail, they end up in McMansions with four-car garages and, sometimes, in elected -- or appointed -- office.

### **Learning to See in Crises**

Last Christmas a priest, Father Tim Jones of York, started a ruckus in Britain when he said in a sermon that shoplifting by the desperate from chain stores might be acceptable behavior.

Naturally, there was an uproar. Jones [told](#) the Associated Press: "The point I'm making is that when we shut down every socially acceptable avenue for people in need, then the only avenue left is the socially unacceptable one."

The response focused almost entirely on why shoplifting is wrong, but the claim was also repeatedly made that it doesn't help. In fact, food helps the hungry, a fact so bald it's bizarre to even have to state it. The means by which it arrives is a separate matter. The focus remained on shoplifting, rather than on why there might be people so desperate in England's green and pleasant land that shoplifting might be their only option, and whether unnecessary human suffering is itself a crime of sorts.

Right now, the point is that people in Haiti need food, and for all the publicity, the international delivery system has, so far, been a visible dud. Under such circumstances, [breaking into](#) a U.N. food warehouse -- food assumedly meant for the poor of Haiti in a catastrophic moment -- might not be "violence," or "looting," or "law-breaking." It might be logic. It might be the most effective way of meeting a desperate need.

Why were so many people in Haiti hungry before the earthquake? Why do we have a planet that produces enough food for all and a distribution system that ensures more than a billion of us don't have a decent share of that bounty? Those are not questions whose answers should be long delayed.

Even more urgently, we need compassion for the sufferers in Haiti and media that tell the truth

about them. I'd like to propose alternative captions for those *Los Angeles Times* photographs as models for all future disasters:

Let's start with the picture of the policeman hogtying the figure whose face is so anguished:

"Ignoring thousands still trapped in rubble, a policeman accosts a sufferer who took evaporated milk. No adequate food distribution exists for Haiti's starving millions."

And the guy with the bolt of fabric? "As with every disaster, ordinary people show extraordinary powers of improvisation, and fabrics such as these are being used to make sun shelters around Haiti."

For the murdered policeman: "Institutional overzealousness about protecting property leads to a gratuitous murder, as often happens in crises. Meanwhile countless people remain trapped beneath crushed buildings."

And the crowd in the rubble labeled looters? How about: "Resourceful survivors salvage the means of sustaining life from the ruins of their world."

That one might not be totally accurate, but it's likely to be more accurate than the existing label.

And what is absolutely accurate, in Haiti right now, and on Earth always, is that human life matters more than property, that the survivors of a catastrophe deserve our compassion and our understanding of their plight, and that we live and die by words and ideas, and it matters desperately that we get them right.

2010 Rebecca Solnit

Rebecca Solnit is an activist and the author of many books, including: [Wanderlust: A History of Walking](#), [The Battle of The Story of the Battle in Seattle](#) (with her brother David), and [Storming The Gates of Paradise: Landscapes for Politics](#). Her most recent book is, [A Paradise Built in Hell](#), is now available. She is a contributing editor to [Harper's Magazine](#) and a [Tomdispatch.com](#) regular.

| 31530|2010-01-22 11:36:39|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Ancient Egyptian 'magic' makeup may have been medicine, too|

Hello K. Loganathan,

since the lead was not from the region do they know where it WAS from and why it was imported for medicinal/cosmetic purposes?

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/22/10, K. Loganathan** wrote:

From: K. Loganathan

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Ancient Egyptian 'magic' makeup may have been medicine, too

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Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 12:15 AM

**Ancient Egyptian 'magic' makeup may have been medicine,**

**too**

by [Allison Stevens](#)

**Jan 21, 2010**



Allison Stevens/MEDILL

Egyptian makeup offered medical applications, but would not be used today due to toxicity. Depictions of Queen Nefertiti's alluring gaze always seem to suggest that she knew something we don't. We just never had proof. Until now.

French scientists recently discovered that ancient Egyptians eye makeup may have doubled as protection against eye infections. The Queen's secret was right in front of our eyes and hers all along.

"Beauty was important to them, but of course there was this practical side," James Phillips, curator of Near East archaeology and anthropology at the Field Museum.

In the study, published in the current issue of "Analytical Chemistry," Christian Amatore, Philippe Walter and colleagues report that ancient Egyptian makeup preserved in the Louvre contain four different lead-based substances that boost production of nitric oxide by up to 240 percent in human skin.

Nitric oxide has been shown to jumpstart the immune system to help fight disease. Ancient Egyptians, because of the marshy climate on the Nile River, had troubles with eye infections.

The scientists' conclusion? While many Egyptians revered eye makeup's "magic role" in protecting them from illness, Egyptian "chemists" may have deliberately concocted these lead-based cosmetics to prevent and treat eye diseases.

But for Phillips, "deliberate" is an iffy hypothesis.

"Did they know? Maybe they knew a little bit, I mean, cause and effect is a strange thing," he said. "They could observe diseases but I know of no conclusive texts that say they knew how to deal with these flies dropping eggs in the eyes, the bacteria."

Either way, the lead-based chemicals are not native to the region, so regardless of Egyptian motives, it's plausible that they brewed the substances to put in makeup for some reason or another possibly just for aesthetics, according to Phillips. Still, the French finding is an interesting one considering cosmetics regulations today focus on the toxicity of lead.

"It sounds to me that you have two things going on," Phillips said. "One: it may have been preventing diseases, but on the other hand it's bound to cause diseases."

Because of this, David Steinberg, a cosmetics regulatory and preserve expert who writes for "Cosmetics and Toiletries" magazine, said the French scientists' finding has no practical applications for women's cosmetics today.

"They had no concept of safety," Steinberg said. "Now would they work today? Yeah. They'd probably kill you, too. And they'd be against the law."

Steinberg said using lead in eye makeup would be against Food and Drug Administration guidelines, as well as against California Proposition 65, a law designed to keep certain chemicals including lead out of the state's drinking water.

The moral of the story? You may want to walk like an Egyptian, but you certainly don't want to start applying makeup like one.

<http://news.medill.northwestern.edu/chicago/news.aspx?id=154257>

| 31531|2010-01-22 11:36:41|sekhmet Johnson|Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans |

"The analogy....is a good one."

Hello Peter,

I concur. -Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/21/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010, 5:59 PM

The analogy: "blaming the Jews for the Holocaust" is a good one.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 18:23:54 -0800

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

"...like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust... "

Hello Shri Sa,

that is what I was thinking initially, and as usual, the nimrod had to put a religious "spin" on the blame, i.e. "cursed" Africans. Africans are no more cursed than any other ethnic group that has lost their "moral center" as caring beings.

I believe the Haitians will once again thrive as a nation once they get past the current crisis point in two to three weeks, as long as they don't have another major natural disaster. The DISinformation "experts" always crawl out from under their rocks when they have nothing positive to say nor can they reach out to support the neediest at this time without some outside support.

Sekhmet

P.S. - I send an individual personal email sometimes because of the delay in posts to the forum; if this is problematic for anyone, just let me know.

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--- On **Mon, 1/18/10, Shri Sa Hetep** wrote:

From: Shri Sa Hetep

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 4:19 PM

That is like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust. Jews did not leave their religion and/or spiritual practices behind after their tragedy, why should Haitians? I only hope Haitians come back a success, just like the Jewish people did.

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**From:** zeecharan

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**Sent:** Mon, January 18, 2010 8:19:58 AM

**Subject:** [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ginkARhgvE>

This 20 sec youtube clip was sent to me, if it's genuine then it's clearest depiction of colonial mentality and shows just how important this listserve is.

The Haitian consul l sounding just like a redneck slaveowner blaming Haitians - black ones for the earthquake.

Reminds me of the contempt light skinned 'I'm not black I'm european' Jamaicans had for the problems faced by the african JA diaspora in racist UK back in the day.

zeech (mixed but not confused)

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| 31532|2010-01-22 11:36:54|sekhmet Johnson|Haiti concerns astronauts too!  
I don't think the picture below is of Haiti, but just a look at what NASA image satellites can do for rescue teams searching for survivors. Thanks NASA!!!  
Sekhmet

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### **Astronauts in Space Concerned for Haiti Earthquake Victims**

By [Tariq Malik](#)  
SPACE.com Managing Editor  
posted: 20 January 2010  
03:17 pm ET

Astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS) sent a heartfelt message Tuesday for the victims of last week's devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Japanese astronaut Soichi Noguchi beamed the message to Earth for posting on his Twitter page, which he is using to send updates about his long-duration flight on the space station.

"We, ISS crew, would like to express our condolences to the [earthquake victims](#) in Haiti," Noguchi wrote in his message. The astronaut, who writes as @Astro\_Soichi, represents the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

Haiti was struck by a 7.0-magnitude earthquake on Jan. 12 that caused widespread damage to its capitol city of Port-au-Prince. A strong, [6.1-magnitude aftershock](#) hit the battered island nation earlier today.

NASA and other space agencies and satellite operators have trained their Earth-observing satellites on the region to map the hardest-hit areas in order to aid recovery efforts.

Noguchi is one of five astronauts currently living aboard the International Space Station as it flies 220 miles (354 km) above Earth. In addition to the Japanese spaceflyer, the station is home to two Americans and two Russians.

Noguchi also took time to remember the victims of a massive [earthquake](#) that struck Japan 15 years ago this week. On Jan. 17, 1995, a 6.9-magnitude quake struck the Kobe area of Japan, killing more than 5,500 people and injuring more than 36,000, according to the United States Geological Survey.

"It has been 15 years since the big earthquake hit Kansai and Awaji area," Noguchi said. "We would like to express our condolences to the earthquake victims."

Noguchi and his crewmates likely first heard the news of the Haiti earthquake last week during their daily news update, NASA officials told SPACE.com. The astronauts regularly receive digital versions of the

Houston Chronicle newspaper, as well as other updates on their chosen subjects, they added.

The space station crew is in the middle of a busy time aboard the orbiting laboratory. Last week, the astronauts moved a massive spare parts shelf from one end of the station to the other and performed a spacewalk.

On Thursday, they will move a Soyuz spacecraft to a newly opened docking port on the station's roof. The crew also plans to move a cone-shaped piece of the space station to a new berth later this week.

In early February, NASA's [space shuttle Endeavour](#) is due to arrive at the space station with a six-astronaut crew to deliver a new module and observation portal to the orbiting laboratory.

| 31533|2010-01-22 11:36:59|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti Rescue teams pull back as Haiti aid flows in|

Thanks to all the First Responders from around the World!!!!

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Subject: Reuters.com - Rescue teams pull back as Haiti aid flows in

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## Rescue teams pull back as Haiti aid flows in

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By Patrick Markey and Matthew Bigg

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Reuters) - The search for survivors of Haiti's killer earthquake started to wind down as international rescue teams begin pulling back and aid, though more plentiful on Thursday, was still not enough for the masses left homeless and injured.

A desperately poor country before the 7.0 magnitude quake roiled its capital city, Port-au-Prince, on January 12 and killed as many as 200,000 people, Haiti now looks to the world for basic sustenance.

"Are we satisfied with the job we are doing? Definitely not," said Jon Andrus, deputy director of the Pan American Health Organization.

"But progress is being made. Think of what we started with when the world came crashing down on Haiti. No roads, only rubble and dead bodies. No communication, only death and despair."

The strong 5.9 tremor that hit on Wednesday sent alarmed Haitians running away from buildings and walls but did not appear to cause any major new destruction or to slow the international relief effort now bolstered by more U.S. troops.

Violence and looting has subsided as U.S. troops provided security for water and food distribution and thousands of displaced Haitians heeded the government's advice to seek shelter outside Port-au-Prince. Sensitive to appearances the United States was taking too forceful a role, President Barack Obama said on Wednesday the White House was being "very careful" to work with the Haitian government and the United Nations.

"I want to make sure that when America projects its power around the world, it's not seen only when it's fighting a war," Obama said on ABC News. "It's got to also be able to help people in desperate need. And ultimately that will be good for us. That will be good for our national security over the long term."

## RESCUE TEAMS LEAVING

The United Nations praised the Dominican Republic for setting up a humanitarian aid corridor from Santo Domingo to Port-au-Prince and sending 150 U.N. troops to join a Peruvian contingent of U.N. blue helmets to protect the area.

U.S. Marines in landing craft brought ashore bulldozers, mechanical diggers and trucks on a beach at Neply village, west of Port-au-Prince, from warships anchored offshore. Pack-laden troops on the beach handed out food rations and set up temporary shelters for the homeless.

The USNS Comfort arrived in Haitian waters with its hospital and advanced surgical units. Around 12,000 U.S. military personnel are in Haiti and on ships offshore.

The United Nations is adding 2,000 troops and 1,500 police to the 9,000-member peacekeeping mission in Haiti.

A Florida search and rescue team left Haiti on Wednesday and it was reported that teams from Belgium, Luxembourg and Britain did as well.

U.S. and international teams have rescued 122 people, including three on Wednesday, and Haitians rescued many others in the hours and days after the quake.

Teams from Brazil, the United States and Chile were still working with sniffer dogs at the collapsed Montana Hotel in Port-au-Prince, where a whiteboard listed the names of 10 people found dead and 20 more still missing inside. Crews had treaded gingerly, shifting rubble by hand, but were switching to heavy machinery to dig up the bulk of the hotel.

"We're looking for people alive or dead," said Chilean Army Major Rodrigo Vasquez. "As well as being hopeful you have to be realistic and after nine days, reality says it is more difficult to find people alive but it's not impossible."

## LACKING THE BASICS

Between 1 million and 1.5 million Haitians were left homeless and many were jammed into haphazard, open-air camps with no latrines.

"It's miserable here. It's dirty and it's boring," said Judeline Pierre-Rose, 12, camped in a park across from the collapsed national palace. "People go to the toilet everywhere here and I'm scared of getting sick."

Residents have been sleeping outdoors because their homes were destroyed or out of fear that aftershocks would bring down more buildings.

Most of the basics of city life were still missing or barely functional in Port-au-Prince. Hospitals were overwhelmed and doctors lacked anesthesia, forcing them to operate on wide-awake patients with only local painkillers.

Doctors Without Borders said there were 10-to-12-day backlogs of patients at some of its surgical sites and they are seeing infections of untreated wounds.

"Some victims are already dying of sepsis," the group said.

Aid groups brought in mobile kitchens and bakeries but struggled to feed the hungry. The World Food Program estimated there were 200 homeless encampments in Port-au-Prince alone, and urged the government to begin consolidating them to streamline aid distribution.

"We will probably need to feed between 1 to 2 million but it depends on the rate at which people leave the city," said Thiry Benoit, WFP's deputy country representative in Haiti.

## STORM SEASON LOOMS

The city's water system was only partially functional but tanker trucks began to deliver water to makeshift camps where people lined up to fill their buckets.

The Geneva-based International Organization for Migration (IOM), distributed tents, blankets and plastic sheeting provided by Japan and Turkey, but warned that more permanent shelter would soon be needed.

"Tents will not work in May when the long rainy season begins and later when hurricane season starts, but at this point there is not much choice," said IOM Chief of Mission Vincent Houver.

Brazilian U.N. peacekeepers were leveling land in the Croix des Bouquets suburb of Port-au-Prince to set up a transitional tent camp at a site where the Inter-American Development Bank planned to help build permanent houses for 30,000 people. The plan would let displaced Haitians help build their own new homes under a food-for-work scheme, allowing them stay close to the area where they had made a living. Landline telephones in Port-au-Prince were still down but two wireless networks had spotty service, said U.S. Federal Communications Commission officials helping with the relief.

More than 100 Haitian children were to arrive on Thursday in the Netherlands, where they were in the process of being adopted before the earthquake hit.



But UNICEF and other children's aid groups said foreign adoption should be a last resort for Haitian youngsters whose parents were dead or missing, and that it was preferable to reunite them with their extended families.

(Additional reporting by Catherine Bremer, Joseph Guyler Delva, Natsuza Nery in Port-au-Prince, Lesley Wroughton and Adam Entous; Writing by Jackie Frank and Jane Sutton; Editing by Paul Simao)

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| 31534|2010-01-22 11:37:00|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Why Haiti is so poor - PROPAGANDA!  
Lamar....Hi,....

Haiti is poor for a variety of reasons, first of which.... **and this hurts more than you know..."MAJORITY BLACK POPULATION"**. but if Haitians are SUBsisting on one or two dollars a day, it is also because of OTHER HAITIANS in leadership positions, not ONLY outside pressures or influences. Sheesh...why do people think Haitians leave Haiti and come to the USA? Shitz and grins? They are "working the escape system" like everyone else trying to survive the abuses in their own country.

Haiti, and other Caribbean nations have always had oil, it was getting to it without destroying the surrounding ECOSYSTEM,...that was always the problem. Even before the U.S. became the "great satan that was devouring nations"....as "white" foreigners like to put it....the problem was more "science and math" than politics, or maybe some folks didn't notice the quake damage to the current seaport in Haiti. People can make a case for the USA going after the "haitian oil" in the future, I suppose but I need some **geological confirmation** personally....I may not know the science, but I have NO PROBLEM checking it with scientific colleagues I can contact.

**Venezuela has "oil" and their lights went out all over the country, ...or half the country in 2009.** They are not a "third world country" last I heard. It was a glitch in the "system", same with Nigeria....while they didn't lose power that I know of, they have a considerable amount of oil reserves.

Oh right, .... only the West/USA is evil and wants energy for their citizens because the "arabs" have enough oil reserves for centuries courtesy of allah.....(small CAPs because it is MY **PERSONAL BOGUS FICTION TALE I just made up.**)

Anyhoo, Haiti is POOR, because they have the SAME DAMN "GREEDHEAD ELITES" in that poor country that exists all over the GLOBE. Even if the educated middle class took over the oil fields after it got started, they would become "infected with greed" and become the exact same MONSTERS they are claiming they are trying to replace. Research Castro Papa Doc or bin Laden ,et al....went from "freedom fighter" to "terrorist thug" overnight depending on your perspective...the attacker or the one being attacked. So folks can quit trying to sell me on the idea that ONLY the USA is into "deception" of fellow citizens along race, nationality, religion or whatever "lines" that will get them followers...I have "listened" for a looong time and think they are all FOF if they are not next in line to "lead" and "get paid" for doing so.

Sekhmet

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Date: Tuesday, January 19, 2010, 7:40 PM

Dear Group,  
By golly, most of the information given including jrswriter comments are utterly correct concerning **why Haiti is so Poor!** Without a doubt, there is a long-standing gross conspiracy to destroy or undermine the entire Haitian nation and their Afro-descendant citizens. This is a sign of the BEAST, and as usual, the warmongering west is synchronized in doing all that they can to keep Haiti and us all in some form of bondage and pain even in america today as well!  
I did not know about Haiti having **OIL deposits, which** were found recently! If this is so, such will prove fatal to the independence of Haiti, as the west and america like whoring drug addicts, will become even more desperate antagonists than before if **OIL** is thrown into the mix!

Thanks for the information. Now we know what has caused Haiti to be so poor beyond a shadow of doubt! However, if there is one thing that we all can look forward to it is this, the vicious colonialist clock has but three more remaining years or less on it before the whole wicked edifice will come crashing down. Thereafter, all the greedy wicked on this present world will be removed.

**Why Haiti Is So Poor: By jrswriter**

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| 31535|2010-01-22 11:38:22|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation|  
Well ..... now I am really confused. First the talking heads and rumor mongers complain about

the military being in Haiti, then - in the next breath it seems - they complain about the military not supplying their needs efficiently and quickly, so they want to make the Air Force do water drops/medical supplies where the talking heads and rumor mongers tell them? Fine; now what individual(s) is leading this direction of Air Force drops, since the only airport in Haiti is still in ruins?

And one other thing....why do the talking heads and rumor mongers want to bring up Latin American military issues from the past couple of years, when the emergency now is clearly water and food distribution TODAY in Haiti? Am I missing something here?  
Sekhmet

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## Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

**The US has never wanted Haitian self-rule, and its focus on 'security concerns' has hampered the earthquake aid response**

by Mark Weisbrot

On Monday, six days after the earthquake in Haiti, the US Southern Command finally began to [drop bottled water and food](#) from an air force C-17. US defence secretary Robert Gates had previously rejected such a method because of "security concerns".

If people do not [get clean water](#), there could be epidemics of water-borne diseases that could greatly increase the death toll. But the US is now sending 10,000 troops and seems to be prioritising "security" over much more urgent, life-and-death needs. This in addition to the increase of 3,500 UN troops scheduled to arrive. On Sunday morning the world-renowned humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders complained that a plane carrying its portable hospital unit was [re-routed by the US military through the Dominican Republic](#). This would cost a crucial 48 hours and an unknown number of lives.

On Sunday, [Jarry Emmanuel](#), air logistics officer for the UN's World Food Programme, said: "There are 200 flights going in and out every day, which is an incredible amount for a country like Haiti ... But most flights are for the US military."

Yet Lieutenant General PK Keen, deputy commander of the US Southern

Command, reports that there is [less violence in Haiti now than there was before the earthquake hit](#). Dr Evan Lyon, of Partners in Health, a medical aid group famous for its heroic efforts in Haiti, referred to "[misinformation and rumours ... and racism](#)" concerning security issues.

We've been circulating throughout the city until 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning every night, evacuating patients, moving materials. There's no UN guards. There's no US military presence. There's no Haitian police presence. And there's also no violence. There is no insecurity.

To understand the US government's obsession with "security concerns," we must look at the recent history of Washington's involvement there.

Long before the earthquake, Haiti's plight has been comparable to that of many homeless people on city streets in the US: too poor and too black to have the same effective constitutional and legal rights as other citizens. In 2002, when a [US-backed military coup](#) temporarily toppled the elected government of Venezuela, most governments in the hemisphere responded quickly and helped force the return of democratic rule. But two years later, when Haiti's democratically elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was kidnapped by the US and [flown to exile in Africa](#), the response was muted.

Unlike the two centuries of looting and pillage of Haiti since its founding by a slave revolt in 1804, the brutal occupation by US marines from 1915 to 1934, the countless atrocities under dictatorships aided and abetted by Washington, the 2004 coup cannot be dismissed as "ancient history." It was just six years ago, and it is directly relevant to what is happening there now.

The US, together with Canada and France, conspired openly for four years to topple Haiti's elected government, cutting off almost all international aid in order to destroy the economy and make the country ungovernable. They succeeded. For those who wonder why there are no Haitian government institutions to help with the earthquake relief efforts, this is a big reason. Or why there are 3 million people crowded into the area where the earthquake hit. US policy over the years also helped destroy Haitian agriculture, for example, by forcing the import of subsidised US rice and wiping out thousands of Haitian rice farmers.

Aristide, the country's first democratically elected president, was overthrown after just seven months in 1991, by military officers and death squads later discovered to be in the pay of the CIA. Now Aristide wants to [return to his country](#), something that the majority of Haitians have demanded since his overthrow. But the US does not want him there. And the [Renouveau government](#), which is completely beholden to Washington, has decided that Aristide's party - the largest in Haiti - will [not be allowed to compete](#) in the next elections (originally scheduled for next month).

Washington's fear of democracy in Haiti may explain why the US is now sending 10,000 troops and prioritising "security" over other needs.

This military occupation by US troops will raise other concerns in the hemisphere, depending on how long they stay - just as the recent [expansion of the US military presence in Colombia](#) has been met with considerable discontent and distrust in the region. And non-governmental organisations have raised other

issues about the proposed reconstruction: understandably they want Haiti's remaining debt cancelled, and grants rather than loans (the IMF has proposed a \$100m dollar loan). Reconstruction needs will be in the billions of dollars: will Washington encourage the establishment of a functioning government? Or will it prevent that, channelling aid through NGOs and taking over various functions itself, because of its long-standing opposition to Haitian self-rule?

But most urgently, there is a need for rapid delivery of water. The US air force has the capability to deliver enough water for everyone who needs it in Haiti, until ground supply chains can be established. The more water is available, the less likely there is to be fighting or rioting over this scarce resource. Food and medical supplies could also be supplied through air drops. These operations should be ramped up, immediately. There is no time to lose.

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| 31536|2010-01-22 11:38:58|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Should Mrs. POTUS go to Haiti?|  
Now this is a "plan" I can support for the long-term in Haiti once the immediate crisis is over. But I will wait and see if the back-stabbing, nationalists and a couple of talking heads will poo-poo this idea as well. Wait for it..... -Sekhmet

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## Michelle Obama: The New Face of Haiti?

**Haiti will need help long after the television cameras have focused their attention elsewhere. But there's one person who can keep the Caribbean nation in the spotlight.**

• By: Latoya Peterson | Posted: January 20, 2010 at 7:35 AM



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Earthquake Relief Effort for Haiti: Why Michelle Obama Should Get Involved

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As international aid pours in to provide relief from the devastating earthquake that rocked Haiti, development workers and NGO professionals are beginning to fear what will happen once the media spotlight leaves the small island nation. But there is one person who has enough political clout and global recognition to ensure that doesn't happen: Michelle Obama.

The first lady may seem like a strange choice for the new face of Haiti. After all, Wyclef Jean, the most visible Haitian-born celebrity, has adopted Haiti as his cause for years now. His plans for the Y<sup>100</sup> Center included a sprawling educational complex with a focus on using music, sports and the arts to strengthen the Haitian community. Since news of the tragedy broke, Jean flew directly to Haiti where [he helped to clear bodies from the streets](#) of Port-au-Prince. [\(He's also had to defend charges that his foundation misused donations.\)](#) In addition to Jean, the Clintons have both expressed support for Haiti using the might of their platforms. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton traveled to Haiti on Sunday to survey the progress of the relief effort. President Obama tapped former Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush to help with humanitarian aid.

But Michelle Obama may be Haiti's best bet. Though she lacks formal experience with

Haiti and a strong foreign policy background, her institutional and organizational skills, coupled with her ability to get to the heart of an issue keeps her under consideration. With a characteristically short and to the point [public service announcement](#), Michelle Obama stared at America and asked the people for their help. The message was devoid of any and all platitudes no referencing her own personal organizations or her long history with Haiti, just the facts, the need, and where to donate. Her PSA showed the type of singular focus that Haiti desperately needs.

Interestingly, Mrs. Obama has been criticized for "lacking focus" in her advocacy endeavors. Robin Givhan, writing for the *Washington Post*, [took Obama to task](#) for failing to embrace and champion one specific cause in her first year as first lady.

Obama accomplished all of her personal goals during her short time in office she put a major focus on making sure her daughters, Sasha and Malia, were adjusting well to the new school and new home, and she wanted to make the White House open to a variety of people. Also, from Obama's public actions, it is clear the issues of food and health are near and dear to her heart.

Her focus on health food and proper nutrition would be a welcome addition to Haiti's issues plate, considering its long struggles with feeding its growing populace. In 2008, [protests against rising food costs turned into riots](#) as people began to fight for their share of a shrinking pool of resources. Those who couldn't afford to eat survived on "cookies" made out of [yellow mud, water and shortening](#).

Considering Michelle Obama spent a few years managing parts of the University of Chicago Hospitals, much of her expertise could be applied to the situation on the ground. Her knack for recruiting volunteers and working within historically marginalized communities to provide sustainable solutions to larger problems would be welcome in the process of rebuilding Haiti's infrastructure.

But her largest asset may very well be her fresh perspective. Michelle Obama doesn't shy away from pointed discussions about communities and families. But it's rooted in common sense and personal experience, as opposed to the policy-based backgrounds of the economists and wonks who purport to know what is the best course for Haiti to take in the aftermath of the disaster.

What Haiti needs now is someone who will be invested in the country and possesses both compassion and follow-through.

**Someone without an established agenda.**

*Latoya Peterson is editor of [Racialicious](#).*

| 31537|2010-01-22 11:39:00|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Over 200 dead in Nigeria violence - Yahoo! News|

"...neither religion is good..."

Hello Tafari,

I wholeheartedly concur!!!

My prayers to the Creator always include my "signature prayer"....

**"Lord, please, protect me from Your followers."**

Sekhmet

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and neither religion is any good for "us".



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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OMG!! when will "killin in de name o de lawd" going to cease!!! -Sekhmet

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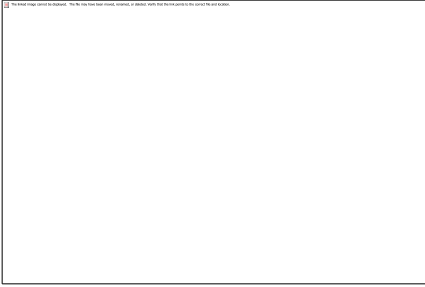
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## **Group: More than 200 dead in Nigeria violence**







*APNigerian Hauwa Ahmed, right, cries out after losing her son to violence in Jos, Nigeria, Wednesday, Jan.*

*By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press Writer Jon Gambrell, Associated Press Writer*

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JOS, Nigeria Charred bodies with scorched hands reaching skyward lay in the streets and a mosque with blackened minarets smoldered Wednesday after several days of fighting between Christians and Muslims killed more than 200 people.

Sectarian violence in this central region of Nigeria has left thousands dead over the past decade, and the latest outbreak that began Sunday came despite the government's efforts to quell religious extremism in the West African country.

Jos was mostly calm Wednesday, though many terrified civilians kept indoors while soldiers patrolled the streets. The city is situated in Nigeria's "middle belt," where dozens of ethnic groups mingle in a band of fertile and hotly contested land separating the Muslim north from the predominantly Christian south.

There are conflicting accounts about what unleashed the bloodshed. According to the state police commissioner, skirmishes began after Muslim youths set a Christian church ablaze, but Muslim leaders denied that. Other community leaders say it began with an argument over the rebuilding of a Muslim home in a predominantly Christian neighborhood that had been destroyed in November 2008.

Corinne Dufka, senior West Africa researcher at Human Rights Watch, said what caused the latest spark was beside the point. The deeper problem, she said, is the government's failure to address underlying conflict in the region.

After similar bouts of violence in the past, Nigerian authorities have "come up with analysis, but they don't respond properly with concrete measures and policies," Dufka said. "Tensions seethe, and months or years later you have another outbreak."

More than 13,500 Nigerians have died in sectarian violence in the last decade, and at least 2,500 people had been killed in Plateau state alone since 2001, according to Human Rights Watch.

Dufka said no one has been held accountable, leading to a climate of impunity.

"It's not just the perpetrators who often murdered people in horrific ways who have not been held accountable, but also the political leaders and sometimes the religious leaders that foment violence, as well as the security forces who've used excessive force to respond to it."

In Jos, witnesses said rioters armed with knives, homemade firearms and stones had attacked passers-by and fought with security forces, leaving bodies in the street and stacked in mosques after fighting began Sunday.

Authorities imposed a 24-hour curfew, but on Wednesday people could be seen walking around the center of the city. When an army convoy passed, they stopped and raised their hands above their heads to show they were not a threat.

"We want the government to come and help us," said Abdullahi Ushman, who said he had seen rioters attacking people with firearms and bows and arrows.

Plateau State governor Jonah Jang said the violence was not provoked by a lack of opportunity in

this rural farming community. He claimed many of the attackers were from Muslim-dominant northern Nigeria and from the nearby, predominantly Muslim nations of Niger and Chad. "There are people masterminding this for their own selfish reasons," said Jang, who is Christian. The Minister of Police Affairs, Ibrahim Yakubu Lane, issued a statement Tuesday blaming the violence on "some highly placed individuals in the society who were exploiting the ignorance and poverty of the people to cause mayhem in the name of religion." The chief of Army staff, Lt. Gen. Abdulrahman Danbazu, confirmed accounts that some Muslims had been dragged out of their homes and shot by men dressed in what appeared to be army uniforms. He said five of the suspects arrested were dressed in khaki army-style uniforms and claimed to be police officers, though only one of the five men could provide police identification. Jos is not alone in being shaken by religious violence. In July, an extremist group known as Boko Haram translated as "Western education is sacrilege" attacked police stations and other government buildings, starting days of violence that left more than 700 people dead in northern Nigeria. Another wave of violence started by infighting in another Islamic extremist group left at least 38 people dead in December. Still, nearly all violence caused by extremist sects comes from intensely local politics or grievances not any call for holy war against the West. The government has sought to distance itself from any al-Qaida links after a 23-year-old Nigerian was accused of trying to blow up a U.S.-bound flight on Christmas Day. Nigerian officials have said that Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was influenced far beyond the nation's borders while studying in London and in Yemen. Nnamdi Obasi, a Nigeria-based senior analyst for the International Crisis Group, said the government's response to previous cycles of violence in Jos has been to deploy soldiers without resolving the underlying tensions. "There is poverty and desperation. So you very easily have mobs of young people ready to take out frustrations on other groups, especially when they can identify them as an opposing group, be it Muslim or Christian," Obasi said.

Associated Press Writers Carley Petesch in Johannesburg and Todd Pitman in Dakar, Senegal contributed to this report.

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| 31538|2010-01-22 11:39:01|hebrew b'yisrael|Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS|

**"My decision to destroy the authority  
of the blacks in Saint Dominique  
(Haiti) is not so much based on  
considerations of commerce and money,  
as on the need to block for ever the  
march of the blacks in the world."**

--Napoleon Bonaparte

Todah R' Ak Runoko [Thank you]

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**Sent:** Thu, January 21, 2010 11:29:14 PM

**Subject:** [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"My decision to destroy the authority of the blacks in Saint Dominique (Haiti) is not so much based on considerations of commerce and money, as on the need to block for ever the march of the blacks in the world."

--Napoleon Bonaparte

| 31539|2010-01-23 07:11:51|Peter Gray|Re: Haiti: A Historical Timeline|

Thanks for that chronology of Haitian history, Sekhmet. Again I recommend reading C. L.R. James' *Black Jacobins*.

It should also be added as a footnote that Papa Doc Duvalier's "election" in 1937 was orchestrated by the US.

Peter

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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti: A Historical Timeline

This should probably go under the thread of "Why is Haiti so poor?" since folks are apparently "stuck" blaming Dubya, Daddy Dubya, the CIA or the French for the last couple of decades of poverty. I personally, don't know the particulars. ...and there are many...but once Haiti gained their independence, it appears that some of their "homegrown whackjobs" liked the usual way of governance of a country, meaning only a handful were "elite" while the vast majority were dining on "mud cakes"...literally. (*Oooops; I guess I shouldn't have let anyone know that I routinely check up on predominantly black nations from time to time to see if black leaders have*

*become "Westernized" in their treatment of their fellow citizens. Ah well, too late now.)*

Anyhoo, I can't change anything but sometimes I like to make suggestions on how to improve the lives of the lower class citizens, but....I'm just a giiirrrllll. ..LOL!! -Sekhmet

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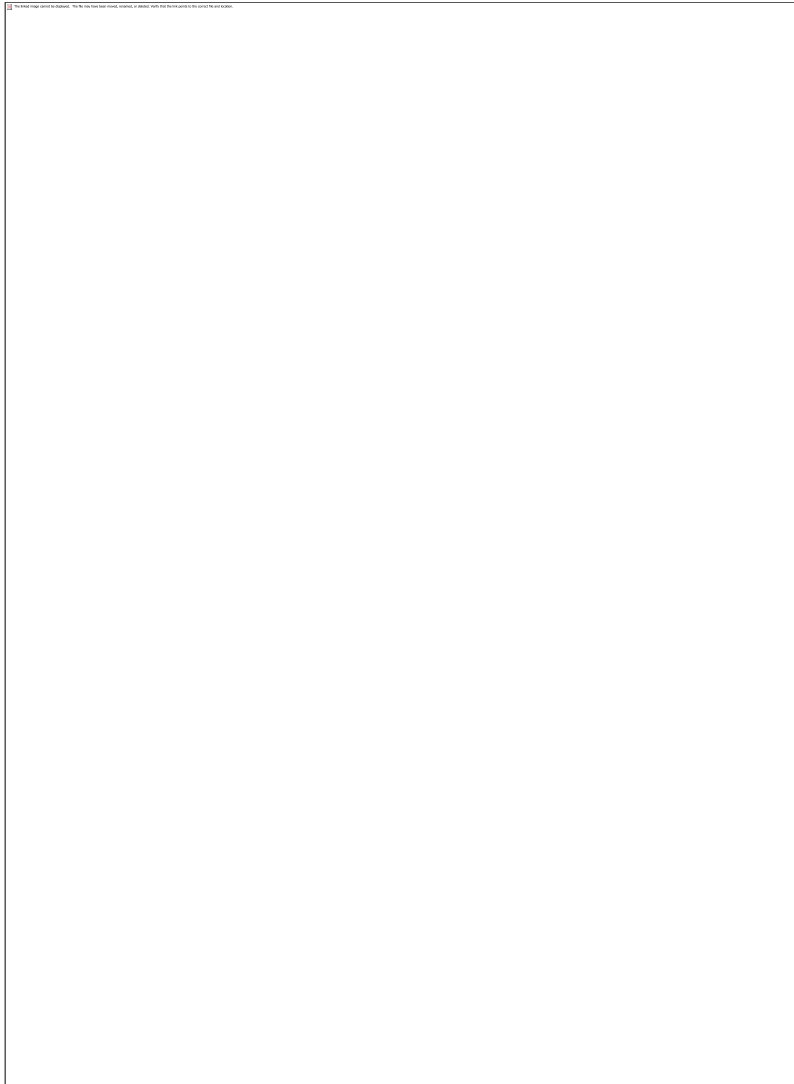
### [Haiti - A Historical Timeline](#)

A timeline of important dates in Haiti's history.

## **Haiti - A Historical Timeline**

### **Important dates in Haiti's history**

- By: Joel Dreyfuss | Posted: January 16, 2010 at 3:29 PM



### Important Dates in Haitian History

[joel.dreyfuss](mailto:joel.dreyfuss)

A timeline of important dates in Haiti's history.

1492 - Dec. 5, Columbus lands on a large island he names Isla Espaa (Spanish Island), later changed to Hispaniola. It is inhabited by Taino and Arawak Indians.

1503 - First Africans brought to Hispaniola for labor after pleas from a Spanish priest who wants to save the Indians from extinction.

1592 - Spanish governor executes Queen Anacaona, the last Taino chief.

1659 - First official settlement on Tortuga (off the coast of Haiti) by French buccaneers who hunt wild cattle and by pirates who attack ships sailing from South America to Europe.

1664 - French West India Company takes control of Western third of the island and names it Saint-Domingue.

1670 - First French settlement on the main island, named Cap

Francois, later Cap-François and now Cap-Haitien, the second largest city in Haiti. Settlers grow cacao, coffee, tobacco and indigo and begin importing slaves as labor.

1685 - Louis XIV enacts the Code Noir, which regulates the treatment of slaves and sets obligations for owners. Corporal punishment is allowed, sanctioning brutal treatment.

1697 - Spain formally cedes the Western third of the island to France via the Treaty of Ryswick.

1749 - Port-au-Prince is founded.

1758 - Rebel leader Mackandal, born in Guinea, is captured and burned alive in Cap-Francois after seven years of leading an insurrection.

1777 - French officers lead a regiment of 750 free blacks from Saint-Domingue to help the fledgling U.S. fight British troops at Savannah, Georgia. The unit includes several future leaders of Haiti.

1780 - Saint-Domingue is France's richest colony, producing 40 percent of all sugar and 60 percent of all coffee consumed in Europe.

1789 - When the French Revolution starts, the colony has 500,000 slaves, 32,000 whites and 25,000 people of color (mixed-race) , many of whom have inherited wealth and slaves from their white fathers.

1791 - August 22 - Slave revolt begins. Tradition says it starts with a voodoo ceremony led by Dutty Boukman. He is captured and executed but revolt spreads and plantations are torched.

1794 - February 4 - French Assembly abolishes slavery in all its colonies, ratifying what is already reality in Saint-Domingue.

1801 - Toussaint L'Ouverture defeats British and Spanish troops that invaded Santo Domingo and controls the entire island.

1802 - Napoleon sends 40,000 troops under his brother-in-law, Gen. Charles Leclerc, to re-establish slavery in the colonies. Leclerc deceives and captures Toussaint and ships him to France, where he dies in prison.

1804 - Jan. 1 - After defeating the French forces, Jean-Jacques Dessalines declares Haiti an independent nation, taking an Arawak name meaning country of mountains.

1806 - Dessalines is assassinated and Haiti splits into two states, a northern state led by an emperor, Henri Christophe, and a southern republic led by president Alexandre Pétion.

1820 - After the deaths of Pétion and Christophe, Jean-Pierre Boyer unifies Haiti into one nation and takes control of Santo Domingo as well.

1825 - France's King Charles X recognizes Haiti's independence but demands 150 million francs in indemnity, backing his conditions with a fleet of warships.

1844 - Dominican Republic declares its independence from Haiti.  
 1863 - U.S. President Abraham Lincoln recognizes Haiti and allows trade for the first time.  
 1904 - Haiti celebrates 100 years of independence.  
 1915 - U.S. forces occupy Haiti; they will stay until 1934.  
 1930 - First full democratic elections in Haiti; Stenio Vincent elected.  
 1937 - Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo orders the expulsion of Haitians working in his country. Between 17,000 and 35,000 are killed.  
 1957 - Francois Duvalier, a doctor, is elected president. "Papa Doc" establishes one of the most brutal dictatorships in Haitian history. His rule is enforced by a militia commonly-known as Tonton Macoutes.  
 1971- Duvalier dies; his son takes power and is proclaimed President-for- Life, like is father.  
 1974 - The Haitian national soccer team participates in the World Cup.  
 1986 - Unrest leads the military to oust "Baby Doc" and his kleptocratic clan.  
 1990 - Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a former Catholic priest is elected with 67% of the vote.  
 1991 - Aristide is ousted in a coup that many Haitians believe was financed by the business elite.  
 1994 - Backed by a UN resolution, the Clinton Administration restores Aristide to power.  
 1996 - René Préval elected President; he is seen as a stand-in for Aristide.  
 2000- Aristide elected President again after much-disputed parliamentary elections.  
 2004 - Aristide leaves under pressure of an armed rebellion; he claims the U.S. kidnapped him and shipped him out.  
 2006 - Préval elected again. A UN peacekeeping force in Haiti since 2003 grows to 9,000 troops.  
 2008 - Unrest erupts as Haitians riot against high food prices.  
 2010 - January 12 - An earthquake with a magnitude of 7.0 devastates Port-au-Prince and damages much of Haiti.

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| 31540|2010-01-23 07:15:23|Peter Gray|Re: Over 200 dead in Nigeria violence - Yahoo! News|  
 Yes, it's always the followers who formalize religion who do all the evil in the name of self-claimed purity.

Peter

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Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Over 200 dead in Nigeria violence - Yahoo! News

"...neither religion is good..."

Hello Tafari,

I wholeheartedly concur!!!

My prayers to the Creator always include my "signature prayer"....

**"Lord, please, protect me from Your followers."**

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Wed, 1/20/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

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and neither religion is any good for "us".



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Over 200 dead in Nigeria violence - Yahoo! News  
To: "Ta-Seti"  
Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 1:25 PM

OMG!! when will "killin in de name o de lawd" going to cease!!! -Sekhmet

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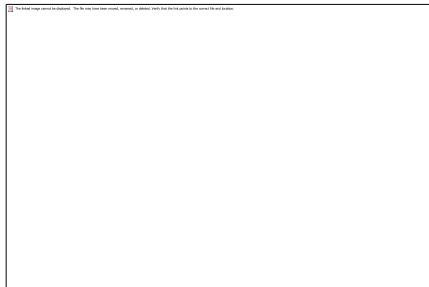


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## Group: More than 200 dead in Nigeria violence

**AP** Associated Press



*AP Nigerian Hauwa Ahmed, right, cries out after losing her son to violence in Jos, Nigeria, Wednesday, Jan.*

*By JON GAMBRELL, Associated Press Writer Jon Gambrell, Associated Press Writer*

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JOS, Nigeria Charred bodies with scorched hands reaching skyward lay in the streets and a mosque with blackened minarets smoldered Wednesday after several days of fighting between Christians and Muslims killed more than 200 people.

Sectarian violence in this central region of Nigeria has left thousands dead over the past decade, and the latest outbreak that began Sunday came despite the government's efforts to quell religious extremism in the West African country.

Jos was mostly calm Wednesday, though many terrified civilians kept indoors while soldiers patrolled the streets. The city is situated in Nigeria's "middle belt," where dozens of ethnic groups mingle in a band of fertile and hotly contested land separating the Muslim north from the predominantly Christian south.

There are conflicting accounts about what unleashed the bloodshed. According to the state police commissioner, skirmishes began after Muslim youths set a Christian church ablaze, but Muslim leaders denied that. Other community leaders say it began with an argument over the rebuilding of a Muslim home in a predominantly Christian neighborhood that had been destroyed in November 2008.

Corinne Dufka, senior West Africa researcher at Human Rights Watch, said what caused the latest spark was beside the point. The deeper problem, she said, is the government's failure to address underlying conflict in the region.

After similar bouts of violence in the past, Nigerian authorities have "come up with analysis, but they don't respond properly with concrete measures and policies," Dufka said. "Tensions seethe, and months or years later you have another outbreak."

More than 13,500 Nigerians have died in sectarian violence in the last decade, and at least 2,500 people had been killed in Plateau state alone since 2001, according to Human Rights Watch.

Dufka said no one has been held accountable, leading to a climate of impunity.

"It's not just the perpetrators who often murdered people in horrific ways who have not been held

accountable, but also the political leaders and sometimes the religious leaders that foment violence, as well as the security forces who've used excessive force to respond to it."

In Jos, witnesses said rioters armed with knives, homemade firearms and stones had attacked passers-by and fought with security forces, leaving bodies in the street and stacked in mosques after fighting began Sunday.

Authorities imposed a 24-hour curfew, but on Wednesday people could be seen walking around the center of the city. When an army convoy passed, they stopped and raised their hands above their heads to show they were not a threat.

"We want the government to come and help us," said Abdullahi Ushman, who said he had seen rioters attacking people with firearms and bows and arrows.

Plateau State governor Jonah Jang said the violence was not provoked by a lack of opportunity in this rural farming community. He claimed many of the attackers were from Muslim-dominant northern Nigeria and from the nearby, predominantly Muslim nations of Niger and Chad.

"There are people masterminding this for their own selfish reasons," said Jang, who is Christian.

The Minister of Police Affairs, Ibrahim Yakubu Lame, issued a statement Tuesday blaming the violence on "some highly placed individuals in the society who were exploiting the ignorance and poverty of the people to cause mayhem in the name of religion."

The chief of Army staff, Lt. Gen. Abdulrahman Danbazu, confirmed accounts that some Muslims had been dragged out of their homes and shot by men dressed in what appeared to be army uniforms. He said five of the suspects arrested were dressed in khaki army-style uniforms and claimed to be police officers, though only one of the five men could provide police identification.

Jos is not alone in being shaken by religious violence. In July, an extremist group known as Boko Haram translated as "Western education is sacrilege" attacked police stations and other government buildings, starting days of violence that left more than 700 people dead in northern Nigeria. Another wave of violence started by infighting in another Islamic extremist group left at least 38 people dead in December.

Still, nearly all violence caused by extremist sects comes from intensely local politics or grievances not any call for holy war against the West.

The government has sought to distance itself from any al-Qaida links after a 23-year-old Nigerian was accused of trying to blow up a U.S.-bound flight on Christmas Day. Nigerian officials have said that Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab was influenced far beyond the nation's borders while studying in London and in Yemen.

Nnamdi Obasi, a Nigeria-based senior analyst for the International Crisis Group, said the government's response to previous cycles of violence in Jos has been to deploy soldiers without resolving the underlying tensions.

"There is poverty and desperation. So you very easily have mobs of young people ready to take out frustrations on other groups, especially when they can identify them as an opposing group, be it Muslim or Christian," Obasi said.

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Associated Press Writers Carley Petesch in Johannesburg and Todd Pitman in Dakar, Senegal contributed to this report.

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| 31541|2010-01-23 07:22:11|Peter Gray|Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation|

One thing the "talking heads" are correct about is that immediate relief supplies [bottled water, meals-ready-to-eat, or MREs, medical supplies, etc.] could/can be most rapidly deployed via helicopter, and that the excuse that the airport's limited operability/capacity is obstructing the aid effort is just that -- an excuse.

Peter

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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

Well ..... now I am really confused. First the talking heads and rumor mongers complain about the military being in Haiti, then - in the next breath it seems - they complain about the military not supplying their needs efficiently and quickly, so they want to make the Air Force do water drops/medical supplies where the talking heads and rumor mongers tell them? Fine; now what individual(s) is leading this direction of Air Force drops, since the only airport in Haiti is still in ruins?

And one other thing....why do the talking heads and rumor mongers want to bring up Latin American military issues from the past couple of years, when the emergency now is clearly water and food distribution TODAY in Haiti? Am I missing something here?

Sekhmet

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## Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

**The US has never wanted Haitian self-rule, and its focus on 'security concerns' has hampered the**

# earthquake aid response

by Mark Weisbrot

On Monday, six days after the earthquake in Haiti, the US Southern Command finally began to [drop bottled water and food](#) from an air force C-17. US defence secretary Robert Gates had previously rejected such a method because of "security concerns".

If people do not [get clean water](#), there could be epidemics of water-borne diseases that could greatly increase the death toll. But the US is now sending 10,000 troops and seems to be prioritising "security" over much more urgent, life-and-death needs. This in addition to the increase of 3,500 UN troops scheduled to arrive. On Sunday morning the world-renowned humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders complained that a plane carrying its portable hospital unit was [re-routed by the US military through the Dominican Republic](#). This would cost a crucial 48 hours and an unknown number of lives.

On Sunday, [Jarry Emmanuel](#), air logistics officer for the UN's World Food Programme, said: "There are 200 flights going in and out every day, which is an incredible amount for a country like Haiti ... But most flights are for the US military."

Yet Lieutenant General PK Keen, deputy commander of the US Southern Command, reports that there is [less violence in Haiti now than there was before the earthquake hit](#). Dr Evan Lyon, of Partners in Health, a medical aid group famous for its heroic efforts in Haiti, referred to "[misinformation and rumours ... and racism](#)" concerning security issues.

We've been circulating throughout the city until 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning every night, evacuating patients, moving materials.

There's no UN guards. There's no US military presence. There's no Haitian police presence. And there's also no violence. There is no insecurity.

To understand the US government's obsession with "security concerns," we must look at the recent history of Washington's involvement there.

Long before the earthquake, Haiti's plight has been comparable to that of many homeless people on city streets in the US: too poor and too black to have the same effective constitutional and legal rights as other citizens. In 2002, when a [US-backed military coup](#) temporarily toppled the elected government of Venezuela, most governments in the hemisphere responded quickly and helped force the return of democratic rule. But two years later, when Haiti's democratically elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was kidnapped by the US and [flown to exile in Africa](#), the response was muted.

Unlike the two centuries of looting and pillage of Haiti since its founding by a slave revolt in 1804, the brutal occupation by US marines from 1915 to 1934, the countless atrocities under dictatorships aided and abetted by Washington, the 2004 coup cannot be dismissed as "ancient history." It was just six years ago, and it is directly relevant to what is happening there now.

The US, together with Canada and France, conspired openly for four years to topple Haiti's elected government, cutting off almost all international aid in order to destroy the economy and make the country ungovernable. They succeeded. For those who wonder why there are no Haitian government institutions to help with the earthquake relief efforts, this is a big reason. Or why there are 3 million people crowded into the area where the earthquake hit. US policy over the years also helped destroy Haitian agriculture, for example, by forcing the import of subsidised US rice and wiping out thousands of Haitian rice farmers.

Aristide, the country's first democratically elected president, was overthrown after just seven months in 1991, by military officers and death squads later discovered to be in the pay of the CIA. Now Aristide wants to [return to his country](#), something that the majority of Haitians have demanded since his overthrow. But the US does not want him there. And the Renouveau government, which is completely beholden to Washington, has decided that Aristide's party - the largest in Haiti - will [not be allowed to compete](#) in the next elections (originally scheduled for next month).

Washington's fear of democracy in Haiti may explain why the US is now sending 10,000 troops and prioritising "security" over other needs.

This military occupation by US troops will raise other concerns in the hemisphere, depending on how long they stay - just as the recent [expansion of the US military presence in Colombia](#) has been met with considerable discontent and distrust in the region. And non-governmental organisations have raised other issues about the proposed reconstruction: understandably they want Haiti's remaining debt cancelled, and grants rather than loans (the IMF has proposed a \$100m dollar loan). Reconstruction needs will be in the billions of dollars: will Washington encourage the establishment of a functioning government? Or will it prevent that, channelling aid through NGOs and taking over various functions itself, because of its long-standing opposition to Haitian self-rule?

But most urgently, there is a need for rapid delivery of water. The US air force has the capability to deliver enough water for everyone who needs it in Haiti, until ground supply chains can be established. The more water is available, the less likely there is to be fighting or rioting over this scarce resource. Food and medical supplies could also be supplied through air drops. These operations should be ramped up, immediately. There is no time to lose.

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| 31542|2010-01-23 07:41:31|Peter Gray|Re: Haiti concerns astronauts too!|

Yes. NASA can even take pics of your vehicle's tag number.

Has anyone tried Google Earth?

Peter

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I don't think the picture below is of Haiti, but just a look at what NASA image satellites can do for rescue teams searching for survivors. Thanks NASA!!!  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.



### **Astronauts in Space Concerned for Haiti Earthquake Victims**

By [Tariq Malik](#)  
SPACE.com Managing Editor  
posted: 20 January 2010  
03:17 pm ET

Astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS) sent a heartfelt message Tuesday for the victims of last week's devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Japanese astronaut Soichi Noguchi beamed the message to Earth for posting on his Twitter page, which he is using to send updates about his long-duration flight on the space station.

"We, ISS crew, would like to express our condolences to the [earthquake victims](#) in Haiti," Noguchi wrote in his message. The astronaut, who writes as @Astro\_Soichi, represents the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

Haiti was struck by a 7.0-magnitude earthquake on Jan. 12 that caused widespread damage to its capitol city of Port-au-Prince. A strong, [6.1-magnitude aftershock](#) hit the battered island nation earlier today.

NASA and other space agencies and satellite operators have trained their Earth-observing satellites on the region to map the hardest-hit areas in order to aid recovery efforts.

Noguchi is one of five astronauts currently living aboard the International Space Station as it flies 220 miles (354 km) above Earth. In addition to the Japanese spaceflyer, the station is home to two Americans and two Russians.

Noguchi also took time to remember the victims of a massive [earthquake](#) that struck Japan 15 years ago this week. On Jan. 17, 1995, a 6.9-magnitude quake struck the Kobe area of Japan, killing more than 5,500 people and injuring more than 36,000, according to the United States Geological Survey.

"It has been 15 years since the big earthquake hit Kansai and Awaji area," Noguchi said. "We would like to express our condolences to the earthquake victims."

Noguchi and his crewmates likely first heard the news of the Haiti earthquake last week during their daily news update, NASA officials told SPACE.com. The astronauts regularly receive digital versions of the Houston Chronicle

newspaper, as well as other updates on their chosen subjects, they added.

The space station crew is in the middle of a busy time aboard the orbiting laboratory. Last week, the astronauts moved a massive spare parts shelf from one end of the station to the other and performed a spacewalk.

On Thursday, they will move a Soyuz spacecraft to a newly opened docking port on the station's roof. The crew also plans to move a cone-shaped piece of the space station to a new berth later this week.

In early February, NASA's [space shuttle Endeavour](#) is due to arrive at the space station with a six-astronaut crew to deliver a new module and observation portal to the orbiting laboratory.

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| 31543|2010-01-23 07:48:52|Peter Gray|Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News|  
Thanks for your reply, Sekhmet.

I simply meant that if cruise ship visitors are allowed to mix with the local inhabitants, mostly villagers with small businesses, then there is some trickle-through effect - money gets into their hands. However, the exploitation occurs when visitors are scuttled away from any possible contact with the small man/woman, to see "attractions" and to visit only those businesses that are connected (via commission) with the touring company (mini bus taxi services, trinket sales businesses, etc.) -- it's exploitative because it encourages not only a false interpretation of the country and culture, but promotes a local system of bribery and corruption. I have witnessed this dual impact of cruise ship visitation first-hand in Jamaica since the 1960s.  
Hope this is clearer.

Peter

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Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News

Hello Peter.....

Caribbean Cruise Lines IS a business; the tours were most likely booked before the quake so I don't know what the procedures are for cancelling a trip so don't take my information too seriously.

Anyhoo, if they are making the trip anyway and dropping off much needed supplies and staff, I don't see a problem with that. "Exploitation" of a tourist trap/site is a problem for whom? Safety concerns I understand, but that is the same thing at any tourist site, whether in Mexico, Egypt or Britain...tourists have money, pickpockets want it. Still, the small business that needs tourist dollars is not really exploitation, but a small business trying to survive on tourist dollars. If I am not understanding your point, please clarify.



Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/21/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy -  
Yahoo! News  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010, 5:41 PM

I just responded to another e-mail I received on this subject, explaining the contrast between the old time type of cruise ship visits, when visitors roamed around the local village(s) and spent their \$\$ gathering local cuisine and artwork, and the modern model, wherein they are warned not to stray beyond the path outlined by their "guides" in order to avoid the local dangers (pick-pockets, etc.). If Royal Caribbean intends to have its passengers visit local crafts markets, bars and shops, then some financial benefit will accrue to the local inhabitants, but if they follow the modern model of herding them through pre-ordained visits to selected business contacts, then it's just more of the same old exploitation.

Peter

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Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 14:14:04 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News

Maybe I should call this "Travelers not able to see the Big Picture"....

I want to send a "Ta-Ta Yah!!!" to the Royal Caribbean corporate offices for understanding while Port-au Prince is devastated, the rest of Haiti is still up and running and they need to jobs and tourism dollars to continue even at this time. Haitians on other parts of the country taking in fellow Haitians that lost everything, so the tourism jobs are essential at this time. the cruise ships can indeed deliver supplies and personnel that passengers don't even need to see on such a large ship.

This is not a scandal, but a chance for the cruise line to make a humanitarian effort while they work on the cruise line BUSINESS.... win-win for everyone!!!

Sekhmet

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## Royal Caribbean's decision to dock ships at Haitian resort creates controversy



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*AFPOasis of the Seas, the world biggest and most expensive cruise ship ever built arrives from Turku, Finland,*  
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By now, most of us have seen and heard about the profound devastation and suffering wrought upon Haiti last week after a massive earthquake. So you'd probably think there's no way that cruising tourists could have returned to frolicking on Haiti's beaches mere miles from where people are trapped beneath the rubble of a decimated city. Unfortunately, you'd be wrong.

On Sunday, [the Guardian reported](#) that Florida-based Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines is docking ships at the "picturesque wooded peninsula" known as Labadee, which it leases on Haiti's northern coast. At Labadee, passengers "enjoy jetski rides, parasailing, and rum cocktails delivered to their hammocks." [The British paper also reported](#) that passengers can spend their time "shopping for trinkets at a craft market" while armed guards stand at the entry to the complex to guarantee their safety.

Despite the fact that the ships [have delivered relief supplies](#) to the island, some passengers on the ships are reportedly "sickened" over the decision to dock there. One passenger took to an Internet message board to protest the idea of vacationing where "tens of thousands of dead people are being piled up on the streets, with the survivors stunned and looking for food and water."

When Royal Caribbean [announced its decision](#) to resume stops at Labadee last week, a company executive cited the economic importance of the resort to the local citizens as well as the opportunity to deliver much-needed supplies.

"We also have tremendous opportunities to use our ships as transport vessels for relief supplies and personnel to Haiti," said associate vice president John Weis. "Simply put, we cannot abandon Haiti now that they need us most."

Still, Royal Caribbean, which recently raised eyebrows when it announced that it's [organizing a "cougar cruise"](#) for older single women, has been catching heat from all corners on their decision, prompting company CEO Adam Goldstein to post a defense of the company on their website. Saying that he is "proud of what our people and our ships are doing," [Goldstein writes](#):

*The ships going back to Labadee, including Navigator of the Seas today, are obviously making a very valuable contribution to the relief effort by offloading supplies at Labadee. The media understand this and generally have written and spoken about the relief effort in positive terms. But in the last 24 hours, sparked by an article in the Guardian in the UK, a different and more critical view has emerged that questions how our guests can justify having a good time in Labadee when there is such misery less than 100 miles away.*

*My view is this - it isn't better to replace a visit to Labadee (or for that matter, to stay on the ship while it's docked in Labadee) with a visit to another destination for a vacation. Why? Because being on the island and generating economic activity for the straw market vendors, the hair-braiders and our 230 employees helps with relief while being somewhere else does not help. These 500 people are going to need to support a much larger network of family and friends, including many who are in (or are missing in) the earthquake zone. Also, the north is going to bear a good part of the burden of the agony of the south, and the more economic support there is to the north, the better able the north will be to bear this burden. People enjoying themselves is what we do. People enjoying themselves in Labadee helps with relief. We support our guests who choose to help in this way which is consistent with our nearly 30 year history in Haiti.*

- Brett Michael Dykes is a contributor to the Yahoo! News blog =====

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| 31544|2010-01-23 07:53:24|Peter Gray|Re: THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES - The hate and the quake|  
Excellent commentary by Sir Hilary ... thanks for posting.  
Peter

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To: ta\_seti@yahoogroups.com  
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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES - The hate and the quake

### **The Hate and the Quake**

Published on: 17th January 2010 by Sir Hilary Beckles

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES is in the process of conceiving the best to deliver a major conference on the theme Rethinking And Rebuilding Haiti. I am very keen to provide an input into this exercise because for too long there has been a popular perception that somehow the Haitian nation-building project launched on January 1, 1804, has failed on account of mismanagement and corruption.

Buried beneath the rubble of imperial propaganda, out of both Western and the United States, is the evidence which shows that Haiti's independence was defeated by an aggressive North-Atlantic alliance that could not imagine a world inhabited by a free regime of Africans as representatives of the new emerging democracy.

The evidence is striking, especially in the context of France. The Haitians fought for their freedom and won, as did the Americans far earlier. The Americans declared their independence and crafted an extraordinary

constitution that set out a clear message about the value of humanity and the path to freedom, justice, and liberty.

In the midst of this brilliant discourse, they chose to retain slavery as the cornerstone of the new nation state. The founding fathers therefore could not see beyond the fact that the free state was built on a slavery foundation.

The water was poisoned in the well; the Americans went back to the barrel of slavery a century later to resolve the fact that slavery and freedom could not coexist in the same place.

The French, also, declared freedom, fraternity and equality as the new motto of their national transformation and gave the modern world a tremendous progressive boost by so doing.

They abolished slavery, but Napoleon Bonaparte could not imagine the new world without slavery and targeted the Haitians for a new, more intense regime of slavery. The British agreed, as did the Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese. All were linked in communion over the 500 000 Blacks in Haiti, the most fertile and prosperous Caribbean colony.

As the jewel of the Caribbean, they all wanted to get their hands on it. With their massive slave base, the English, French and Dutch salivated over owning the people.

The people won a ten-year war, the bloodiest in modern history, and declared independence. Every other country in the Americas was based on slavery. Haiti was freedom, and proceeded to place in its 1805 Independence Constitution that any person of African descent who arrived on its shores would be free, and a citizen of the republic.

For the first time since slavery had commenced, Blacks were the subjects of freedom and citizenship in a nation.

The French refused to recognise Haiti's independence and declared it a pariah state. The Americans, whom the Haitians looked to in solidarity and as a mentor in independence, refused to recognise them, and offered solidarity only to the French. The British, who were negotiating with the French to obtain ownership title to Haiti, also moved in solidarity, as did every other nation in the Western world.

Haiti was isolated at birth - ostracised and denied access to world trade and institutional development. It was the most vicious example of national strangulation recorded in modern history.

The Cubans, at least, have had Russia, China, and Vietnam.. The Haiti alone from inception. The crumbling began.

Then came 1825; the moment of full truth. The republic is celebrating anniversary. There is national euphoria in the streets of Port-au-Prince. The economy is bankrupt; the political leadership isolated. The cabinet decision that the state of affairs could not continue.

The country had to find a way to be inserted back into the world economy. The French government was invited to a summit.

Officials arrived and told the Haitian government that they were willing to recognise the country as a sovereign nation but it would have to pay compensation and reparation in exchange. The Haitians, with backs to the wall, agreed to the French.

The French government sent a team of accountants and actuaries into Haiti to place a value on all lands, all physical assets, the 500 000 citizens who were formerly enslaved, animals, and all other commercial properties and services. The sums amounted to 150 million gold francs. Haiti was told to pay the reparation to France in return for national recognition.

The Haitian government agreed; payments began immediately. Members of the Cabinet were also valued because they had been enslaved people before independence.

Thus began the systematic destruction of the Republic of Haiti. The French government bled the nation and rendered it a failed state.. It was a mere exploitation that was designed and guaranteed to collapse the Haitian economy and society.

Haiti was forced to pay this sum until 1922 when the last instalment was paid. During the long 19th century, the payment to France amounted to up to 80 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

Jamaica today pays up to 70 per cent in order to service its international and domestic debt. Haiti was crushed by this debt payment. It descended into economic and social chaos.

The republic did not stand a chance. France was enriched and it took payment for the fact that having been defeated by Haitians on the battlefield, it had lost the field of finance. In the years when the coffee crops failed, or the sugar crops went down, the Haitian government borrowed on the French money market.

going interest rate in order to repay the French government. When the Americans invaded the country in the early 20th century, one reason offered was to assist the French in collecting its reparations. The collapse of the Haitian nation resides at the feet of France and America, especially. These two nations betrayed, failed, and destroyed the dream of Haiti; crushed to dust in an effort to destroy the flower of freedom and justice.

Haiti did not fail. **It was destroyed by two of the most powerful nations** both of which continue to have a primary interest in its current condition. The sudden quake has come in the aftermath of summers of hate. In many ways, the quake has been less destructive than the hate.

Human life was snuffed out by the quake, while the hate has been a long and inhumane suffocation - a crime against humanity.

During the 2001 UN Conference on Race in Durban, South Africa, strong representation was made to the French government to repay the 150 million. The value of this amount was estimated by financial actuaries as US\$2 billion. This sum of capital could rebuild Haiti and place it in a position to re-emerge in the modern world. It was illegally extracted from the Haitian people and should be repaid.

It is stolen wealth. In so doing, France could discharge its moral obligation to the Haitian people.

For a nation that prides itself in the celebration of modern diplomacy, France should exist with the moral authority of this diplomacy in this post-modern world. It should do the just and legal thing.

Such an act at the outset of this century would open the door for a sophisticated interface of past and present, and set the Haitian nation free at last.

I Sir Hilary Beckles is pro-vice-chancellor and Principal of the Cave Hill Campus of the University of the West Indies (UWI).

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| 31545|2010-01-23 08:01:21|Peter Gray|Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti|

I'd like to make one constructive comment -- that for a country that spends 70% of its earned foreign exchange serving debt, the most immediate and effective means of stimulating the economy in the short- and long-term, is to reduce its annual oil bill.

Like Haiti, Jamaica also spends about 70% of its foreign exchange earnings serving debt, and is poised to spend \$2.6 billion (with a **B**) importing oil this year. At least they have had the wisdom to endorse the construction of wind farms [9 x 25 megawatt wind turbines are currently in the process of being installed]. So my suggestion is to form some technology coalition to do the same in Haiti. Any takers?

Peter

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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti

Finally, some honest information about Haiti from a talking head with a blog site. Their poverty is not "new" and of course big businesses will exploit the current tragedy setting them back even further once the "quake finally settles". That will, realistically speaking, be months from now....right in time for hurricane season to start if I miss my in-expert climate guess. Rather than send aid to a corrupt organization (and I have no problem with that), some people that can afford to give opt on sending "nothing at all" (((shaking my head))).

BTW,....Tafari, I got the recent list on who are reputable groups to send money to, I just haven't replied to it yet...thanks.

Anyhow, what the Haitians desperately need after medical workers and supplies, are qualified structural engineers to build homes, schools and buildings. Teachers and agronomists or horticultural experts to replace the foliage destroyed to burn for fuel or to build "lean to" houses like in the past. And some genuine political leaders not more interested in lining their own damn pockets, rather than helping Haitians to re-build their own country to a self-sustaining state. The average citizen poverty level is not "new" and can't be solely the responsibility of another country regardless of what the current talking heads and anti-American rumor mongers are saying...inside and outside Haiti.

My 2 cent opinion only.

Sekhmet

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## **Op-Ed Columnist: Some Frank Talk About Haiti**

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

On [my blog](#), a woman named Mona pointed to Haitian corruption and declared: "I won't send money because I know what will happen to it." Another reader attributed Haiti's poverty to "the low I.Q. of the 9 million people there," and added: "It is all very sad and cannot be fixed."

"Giving money to Haiti and other third-world countries is like throwing money in the toilet," another commenter said. A fourth asserted: "Haiti is a money pit. Dumping billions of dollars into it has proven futile. ... America is deeply in debt, and we can't afford it."

Not everyone is so frank, but the subtext of much of the discussion of Haiti is despair about both Haiti and foreign aid. Pat Robertson, the religious broadcaster, went furthest by suggesting that Haiti's earthquake flowed from a pact with the devil more than two centuries ago. While it's not for a journalist to nitpick a minister's theological credentials, that implication of belated seismic revenge on Haitian children seems defamatory of God.

Americans have also responded with a huge outpouring of assistance, including more than \$22 million raised by the Red Cross from text messages alone. But for those with doubts, let's have a frank discussion of Haiti's problems:

Why is Haiti so poor? Is it because Haitians are dimwitted or incapable of getting their act together?

Haiti isn't impoverished because the devil got his due; it's impoverished partly because of debts due. France imposed a huge debt that strangled Haiti. And when foreigners weren't looting Haiti, its own rulers were.

The greatest predation was the deforestation of Haiti, so that only 2 percent of the country is forested today. Some trees have been and continue to be [cut by local peasants](#), but many were destroyed either by foreigners or to pay off debts to foreigners. Last year, I drove across the island of Hispaniola, and it was surreal: You traverse what in places is a Haitian moonscape until you reach [the border](#) with the Dominican Republic and jungle.

Without trees, Haiti lost its topsoil through erosion, crippling agriculture.

To visit Haiti is to know that its problem isn't its people. They are its treasure smart, industrious and hospitable and Haitians tend to be successful in the United States (and everywhere but in Haiti).

Can our billions in aid to Haitians accomplish anything? After all, a Wall Street Journal column argues, "To help Haiti, end foreign aid."

First, don't exaggerate [how much we give or they get](#).

Haiti ranks 42nd among poor countries in worldwide aid received per person (\$103 in 2008, more than one-quarter of which comes from the United States).

David Roodman of the Center for Global Development calculates that in 2008, official American aid to Haiti amounted to 92 cents per American.



The United States gives more to Haiti than any other country. But it ranks 11th in per capita giving. Canadians give five times as much per person as we do. As for whether aid promotes economic growth, that's a bitter and unresolved argument. But even the leading critics of aid William Easterly, a New York University economist, and Dambisa Moyo, a banker turned author believe in assisting Haiti after the earthquake.

"I think we have a moral imperative," Ms. Moyo told me. "I do believe the international community should act."

Likewise, Professor Easterly said: "Of course, I am in favor of aid to Haiti earthquake victims!"

So, is Haiti hopeless? Is Bill O'Reilly right? He said: "Once again, we will do more than anyone else on the planet, and one year from today Haiti will be just as bad as it is right now."

No, he's not right. And this is the most pernicious myth of all. In fact, Haiti in recent years has been much better managed under President René Préval and has shown signs of being on the mend.

Far more than most other impoverished countries particularly those in Africa Haiti could plausibly turn itself around. It has an excellent geographic location, there are no regional wars, and it could boom if it could just export to the American market.

A [report for the United Nations](#) by a prominent British economist, Paul Collier, outlined the best strategy for Haiti: building garment factories. That idea (sweatshops! ) may sound horrific to Americans. But it's a strategy that has worked for other countries, such as Bangladesh, and Haitians in the slums would tell you that their most fervent wish is for jobs. A few dozen major shirt factories could be transformational for Haiti.

So in the coming months as we help Haitians rebuild, let's dispatch not only aid workers, but also business investors. Haiti desperately needs new schools and hospitals, but also new factories.

And let's challenge the myth that because Haiti has been poor, it always will be. That kind of self-fulfilling fatalism may be the biggest threat of all to Haiti, the real pact with the devil.

I invite you to visit my blog, [On the Ground](#).

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| 31546|2010-01-23 08:26:03|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations|

Hello Tafari, I copied the article below and thanks for the link, I am simply overwhelmed with the continuous victimization of black people by...everybody!! I concur that the Katrina Debacle was "man made" by the way, and we should be very cautious who we make donations to. I have another "list" of groups from another site, but have no way of checking to see if they (the groups mentioned) are legitimate or not. PLEASE NOTE...all of the "bold type" within the article is mine and NOT the original author's. -Sekhmet

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## Haiti, Katrina, and Why I Won't Give To Haiti Through the Red Cross

By *Bruce A. Dixon*

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At Katrina, the Red Cross used funds generously donated by millions of Americans to implement what many knew at the time was, and what has turned out to be the dispersal of much of black New Orleans to the four corners of the continental US. If the Red Cross didn't respect the persons, the families, the communities of black US citizens, do we really imagine it will respect Haitians.

**Haiti, Katrina, and Why I Won't Give To Haiti Through the Red Cross**

by **BAR** managing editor **Bruce A. Dixon**

What's charitably given isn't always charitably distributed. In 21<sup>st</sup> century American and its empire, our corporate and military elite wield immense power, including the power. Corporate philanthropy serves corporate interests, not human interests, and corporate control over government, culture and media ensure that even funds donated by ordinary citizens can be directed and harvested for elite purposes too.

In the wake of the man-made disaster of Katrina, Americans freely gave tens of millions to the American Red Cross, which used a great deal of it to effectively disperse the population of black New Orleans to the four corners of the continental U.S. Millions more were diverted to their administrative overhead or other projects. But the local Louisiana elites who benefited from the exile of hundreds of thousands of black New Orleans residents were able to use Red Cross funds and personnel to work their will.

I know. I was there. In the days immediately after Katrina in 2005 I made it down to Baton Rouge, where thousands of the evacuees pulled out of the water and scooped off rooftops and overpasses were huddled in shelters at the city's convention center and Southern University. The shelters were hard to miss, because there was a mile long line of buses crawling toward each one. The busiest person in each shelter was the transportation coordinator.

**If an evacuee had a high status job, proof of ID and checkable references,** I saw them put plane tickets for the whole family in that person's hand, line up a job in Detroit or Los Angeles, and call them a cab to the airport. **But for everybody else without a car,** they had one solution. Get on the bus. There would be no way back, and no plans to help you go back. **There's a bus for you, going to Dallas or Houston or somewhere.**

***Singly and in groups I interviewed just under a hundred evacuees in a day and a half, many still disoriented. They wanted to be reunited with their families. They wondered if they'd be able to go back, or if there would be anything to go back to. But all the Red Cross told them, I heard again and again, was that the shelter is closing in a couple of days, you can't stay here in Baton Rouge, you have to get on a bus to Houston, Dallas, Atlanta or somewhere. Now. Even those who had businesses before the flood --- I talked to the owner of a bakery and a car repair shop who stayed to protect their investment and to look after relatives --- even they were told there's nothing here for you but a bus going out of state.***

I talked to some of the Red Cross people who ran the shelter too, especially at Southern University. I recall asking them how they knew people had nothing in New Orleans to go back to. They were white, of course and most of the sheltered evacuees were black. "Look at them," was the stock answer from several. "What could they possibly have worth going back to? They are better off starting new lives somewhere else," they rationalized. They also cited news stories in wide circulation about New Orleans residents firing on helicopters and boats that were rescuing people, reports that later were proven false. I told them they were likely to be untrue, but they wanted very badly to believe, and they did.

I recall pointing out that if they were dispersed far out of state many would have no way back, but with one or two impressions, this had little effect on their conclusion. One or two, I remember, seemed to struggle with what I told them, and said they hoped it was not true, but they were just doing their jobs.

My point here is that **in a society controlled by an elite with often questionable motives, the charities this corporate elite and their media promote have to be questioned too.** I won't give a nickel through the Red Cross because they are no more likely to recognize the viability and full humanity of Haitians and their communities than did on the Gulf Coast. The Red Cross isn't alone in this.

The US government, as Glen Ford points out, has thoroughly militarized US aid to Haiti, and the same US corporate media that painted New Orleans as a cesspool of violence and despair are bringing us images and impressions of Haiti that match their twisted vision. Food and water cannot be distributed until "order" is restored.

**Corporate media manufactures "celebrities" all the time,** people who are famous for being well known, and about whose lives we know more than we know about the public affairs in our own cities and towns and school boards. Haitian musician Wyclef Jean used his celebrity, and the earthquake, to raise millions for his own Haitian charity.

We make no judgment on the allegations that its bookkeeping may be irregular. But it's worth noting that Wyclef Jean has family ties to the group of gangsters and thugs that the Clinton-era CIA installed in office when it removed Haiti's elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide from office in the 1990s. Wyclef Jean has repeated the contemptible lie all over black radio that Aristide skipped the country with \$900 million stolen from Haitians. We understand where this comes from [1]. Wyclef's uncle was the Washington DC representative of the short-lived un-elected gangster governments of Haiti, and runs a right wing rag of a Haitian newspaper dedicated to spreading outrageous and self-serving falsehoods against Lavalas, the only Haitian party capable of winning free elections in that unhappy country.

If Wyclef will lie about that, we wonder what else he'd lie about, and why we should trust him with our money.

Wyclef's problems aside, one way to ensure your donations are deployed and used in a manner faithful to your intent, and respectful of the Haitian rights to community, humanity and agency, is to send them to efforts managed in whole or in part by responsible Haitians, and members of the Haitian diaspora.

Here are a few of the places to donate that we recommend, people whom we and those close to us can vouch for personally. Give generously, as we understand aftershocks are continuing to occur. There are many others. But not the Red Cross. Probably not anybody whose name you see on CNN. Or on BET. Our apologies to the great people we haven't mentioned. Use the comments to add more recommendations of authentic, grassroots, responsible places for people to donate. Our comments are moderated, of course.

Scattering Resources Online donations via PayPal [2]

Scattering Resources is working in cooperation with Fondation Avenir [3] in on-the-ground relief efforts in Haiti. Members of Scattering Resources help comprise a team that delivering supplies and assessing the situation in local communities inside Port-au-Prince and Jacmel.

Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network [4]

HLLN is connected with networks of Haitian doctors and others abroad, and with care providers on the ground in Haiti.

And of course the National Nurses Organization [5] will let you volunteer (if you're an RN) to go yourself, or donate to sponsor an RN. Check them out at <http://www.sendanurse.org> [6]

--- On **Wed, 1/20/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations

To: [maatcollective@yahoo.com](mailto:maatcollective@yahoo.com)

Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 5:26 PM



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On **Wed, 1/20/10, Mensa Neru** wrote:

**Hetepu,**

**The following report details why black people should avoid making donations to any of the major corporately controlled disaster relief organizations such as the Red Cross and others including Wyclef Jean's(interesting comments on this fellow). Most of these are not working in the interests of those that the donations are intended to help and assist. The author offers other more viable and honest options for those of us willing to donate either our time or money to ensure that the help gets to where it is needed. Please spread!!**

**<http://tns1.blackagendareport.com/?q=print/content/haiti-katrina-and-why-i-wont-give-haiti-through-red-cross>**

**Men Sa Hai Neru**

| 31547|2010-01-23 08:26:51|hebrew b'yisrael|Re: Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS|

You are more than welcomed! So much for the myth of the liberal FRENCH!

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
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**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"....the need to block forever the march of the blacks in the world...."

Whoooo-boyee, unbelievable the "quotes" some people think are historically valid, but wind up

biting you in the butt later.....ROTFL!!!!

"No", I don't think it is "humorous" in the least, but it certainly puts the push for global "race relations" into perspective IMNSHO. The man said "...march of the **blacks in the world...**" Sort of puts a kabosh on any future dreams of freedom, hope and justice from the start **if** you happen to be born black - West, East or anywhere else on the planet.

Sheesh, and I thought I was "seeing things from the biased perspective" of a member of the African Diaspora. Thanks for finding this Hebrew....and you too Rashidi.

**Sekhmet**

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--- On **Fri, 1/22/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

To: "Trent Hatchett"

Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 4:45 AM

**"My decision to destroy the authority of the blacks in Saint Dominique (Haiti) is not so much based on considerations of commerce and money, as on the need to block for ever the march of the blacks in the world."**

--Napoleon Bonaparte

Todah R' Ak Runoko [Thank you]

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ever the march of the blacks in the world."  
--Napoleon Bonaparte

| 31548|2010-01-23 08:26:51|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: The Light and Beauty of Haiti|

During the Haitian Revolutionary War, this was the white nations' "enlightenment" mindset Haitians faced:

*"It is not everything to have removed Toussaint, there are two thousand other chiefs here to have taken away...Here is my opinion of this country. It is necessary to destroy all the negroes of the mountains, men and women, sparing only children under the age of twelve, and destroy half of those of the plain, without leaving a single colored man in the colony who ever wore an epaulette. Without that, the colony will never be at peace."* ---French General Charles Victor Emmanuel Leclerc

tua/thanx bro. that a Great article



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

--- On **Fri, 1/22/10**, **Mensa Neru** wrote:

From: Mensa Neru

Subject: The Light and Beauty of Haiti

***Hetepu,***

**Very good biographical sketch of the real history of Haiti and the religio-philosophical underpinnings that unite and bind the Haitian peoples. Truly a beacon of light in the African Diaspora. Check it out.**

**Elizi Danto**

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**Men Sa Hai Neru**

| 31549|2010-01-23 08:27:35|sekhmet Johnson|Re: USA Owes Haiti Billions|

This article was written by a Katrina Survivor, so he has a different "take" on people having "jungle fever" in the Carribbean....ROTFL!! So **put a "hold" on the mass adoption** thing in Haiti please; no sense making a pedophiles dream TOO easy. -Sekhmet

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## Why the US Owes Haiti Billions The Briefest History

by Bill Quigley

Why does the US owe Haiti Billions? Colin Powell, former US Secretary of State, stated his foreign policy view as the "Pottery Barn rule." That is - "if you break it, you own it."

The US has worked to break Haiti for over 200 years. We owe Haiti. Not charity. We owe Haiti as a matter of justice. Reparations. And not the \$100 million promised by President Obama either - that is Powerball money. The US owes Haiti Billions - with a big B.

The US has worked for centuries to break Haiti. The US has used Haiti like a plantation. The US helped bleed the country economically since it freed itself, repeatedly invaded the country militarily, supported dictators who abused the people, used the country as a dumping ground for our own economic advantage, ruined their roads and agriculture, and toppled popularly elected officials. The US has even used Haiti like the old plantation owner and slipped over there repeatedly for sexual recreation.

Here is the briefest history of some of the major US efforts to break Haiti.

In 1804, when Haiti achieved its freedom from France in the world's first successful slave revolution, the United States refused to recognize the country. The US continued to refuse recognition to Haiti for 60 more years. Why? Because the US continued to enslave millions of its own citizens and feared recognizing Haiti would encourage slave revolution in the US.

After the 1804 revolution, Haiti was the subject of a crippling economic embargo by France and the US. US sanctions lasted until 1863. France ultimately used its military power to force Haiti to pay reparations for the slaves who were freed. The reparations were 150 million francs. (France sold the entire Louisiana territory to the US for 80 million francs!)



Haiti was forced to borrow money from banks in France and the US to pay reparations to France. A major loan from the US to pay off the French was finally paid off in 1947. The current value of the money Haiti was forced to pay to French and US banks? Over \$20 Billion - with a big B.

The US occupied and ruled Haiti by force from 1915 to 1934. President Woodrow Wilson sent troops to invade in 1915. Revolts by Haitians were put down by US military - killing over 2000 in one skirmish alone. For the next nineteen years, the US controlled customs in Haiti, collected taxes, and ran many governmental institutions. How many billions were siphoned off by the US during these 19 years?

From 1957 to 1986 Haiti was forced to live under US backed dictators "Papa Doc" and "Baby Doc" Duvalier. The US supported these dictators economically and militarily because they did what the US wanted and were politically "anti-communist" - now translatable as against human rights for their people. Duvalier stole millions from Haiti and ran up hundreds of millions in debt that Haiti still owes. Ten thousand Haitians lost their lives. Estimates say that Haiti owes \$1.3 billion in external debt and that 40% of that debt was run up by the US-backed Duvaliers. Thirty years ago Haiti imported no rice. Today Haiti imports nearly all its rice. Though Haiti was the sugar growing capital of the Caribbean, it now imports sugar as well. Why? The US and the US dominated world financial institutions - the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank - forced Haiti to open its markets to the world. Then the US dumped millions of tons of US subsidized rice and sugar into Haiti - undercutting their farmers and ruining Haitian agriculture. By ruining Haitian agriculture, the US has forced Haiti into becoming the third largest world market for US rice. Good for US farmers, bad for Haiti. In 2002, the US stopped hundreds of millions of dollars in loans to Haiti which were to be used for, among other public projects like education, roads. These are the same roads which relief teams are having so much trouble navigating now!

In 2004, the US again destroyed democracy in Haiti when they supported the coup against Haiti's elected President Aristide.

***Haiti is even used for sexual recreation just like the old time plantations. Check the news carefully and you will find numerous stories of abuse of minors by missionaries, soldiers and charity workers. Plus there are the frequent sexual vacations taken to Haiti by people from the US and elsewhere.*** What is owed for that? What value would you put on it if it was your sisters and brothers?

US based corporations have for years been teaming up with Haitian elite to run sweatshops teeming with tens of thousands of Haitians who earn less than \$2 a day.

The Haitian people have resisted the economic and military power of the US and others ever since their independence. Like all of us, Haitians made their own mistakes as well. But US power has forced Haitians to

pay great prices - deaths, debt and abuse.

It is time for the people of the US to join with Haitians and reverse the course of US-Haitian relations.

This brief history shows why the US owes Haiti Billions - with a big B. This is not charity. This is justice. This is reparations. The current crisis is an opportunity for people in the US to own up to our country's history of dominating Haiti and to make a truly just response.

*(For more on the history of exploitation of Haiti by the US see: Paul Farmer, [The Uses of Haiti](#); Peter Hallward, [Damming the Flood](#); and Randall Robinson, [An Unbroken Agony](#))*

Bill is Legal Director at the Center for Constitutional Rights and a law professor at Loyola University New Orleans. He is a Katrina survivor and has been active in human rights in Haiti for years with the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti. [Quigley77@gmail.com](mailto:Quigley77@gmail.com)

| 31550|2010-01-23 08:28:15|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Scott Baio Rips Michelle Obama|

Subject: Scott Baio attacked with death threats after posting unflattering photo of Michelle Obama



Message from sender: Sheesh.....He picks the worst pic of a beautiful woman and wonders why he got threatened? Can we say Bozo?

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## **Scott Baio attacked with death threats after posting unflattering photo of Michelle Obama on Twitter**

BY [Rich Schapiro](#)

DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER Thursday, January 21st 2010, 3:20 PM



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Scott Baio is under fire for mocking First Lady Michelle Obama on Twitter.



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'WOW He wakes up to this every morning,' Baio wrote alongside a photo of the First Lady.

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Ex-"Happy Days" star [Scott Baio](#) says he's received a barrage of death threats after he mocked [Michelle Obama](#) on [Twitter](#).

Baio, 48, posted an unflattering picture of the First Lady on Tuesday accompanied by some even more unflattering remarks.

"WOW He wakes up to this every morning," Baio tweeted.

In minutes, the former "[Charles in Charge](#)" star received a slew of angry comments.

Some were on the playful side: "Well she's still better looking than your doughy looking a--."

Others were downright frightening.

"Easy to find your house Scottie boy and finish YOU," one person wrote. "I am a republican and I love Mrs O."

Baio backtracked immediately, saying he's not a racist. His wife's best friend is black.

The reality TV star and vocal Republican even posted a picture of the woman and implored his detractors to back off.

"For New followers: I POST A LOT OF JOKES WITH PICS," Baio wrote. "They are JUST that, a joke. NOT targeting anyone. Laughter IS the best medicine."

The brouhaha prompted Baio to contact the [FBI](#) and scores of people to begin following him on [Twitter](#).

"Because people love to hate," Baio said.

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| 31551|2010-01-23 08:28:38|hebrew b'yisrael|BA/BS = high school! Check out this site I found on StumbleUpon!|

Yup, just like we figured out long ago! Meanwhile, they are now openly talking about getting rid of Sallae-Mae, Freddie-Mac, Fannie-Mae, & others in this same edition of the Washington Post. Your door is now slammed shut & wielded tight.

the dunning down of amerikkka is now nearly complete. The effect will be a shutting down of nearly 1/3rd of all colleges & universities in amerikkka with 1000s of youth on the street ANGRY as HELL!

With the El Nino pattern in effect, this will be the perfect setup for a very long, dry, & HOT summer in Amerikkka's cities!

the MS/MA is what you'll need to become the nite mgr. @ Wall-Mart!

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| 31553|2010-01-23 08:29:28|hebrew b'yisrael|Rhee & Fenty need to be impeached! Check out this site I found on St|

Greetings Councilmen Brown & Barry,  
I am drafting up a piece of legislation for an immediate vote of **NO CONFIDENCE** in Mayor Fenty & Superintendent Rhee AND for them to be removed from office through **articles of impeachment** as a concerned citizen. Please provide sponsorship of said bills before your council w/o delay?

There others areas of grave concern outside of the current mess in the school system that warrent immediate removal from office which I will outline in my draft document; both major & minor offenses that border on treason & in direct violation of the U. S. Constitution!

ACTION ITEM TO BE TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY!

Thank you,  
brother hebrew ben yisrael

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| 31554|2010-01-23 08:30:09|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS|

"...myth of the liberal French!"

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I don't want to take Napoleon's quote out of context too much, but given the time he was alive and messing around in Haiti (and don't forget the bozo also went to Egypt with his worldview about blacks) and his personal views at that time, but he was certainly speaking the language and sentiments of his fellowmen....globally and throughout history apparently. But I may be biased (((chuckle))) in my opinion of history and how blacks were perceived.

I think the French are as "liberal" as others....they just aim it at their own first, which is not a problem for me. A "street philosopher" taught me that - It's a po' dog that can't wag his own tail.....other's in the Diaspora should keep that in mind when they send their black martyrs to the West to create chaos. Our ancestors were not "invited" to relocate to the Americas or Haiti or Europe.

Runoko wrote an article about the presence of blacks in Germany and Russia...and you could have knocked me over with a feather when I read it!!! Guess that "Black Russian" thing is real after all.....ROTFL!!!!

Sekhmet

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From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: "sekhmet Johnson" , Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Cc: Runoko@yahoo.com, tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com  
Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 2:25 PM

You are more than welcomed! So much for the myth  
of the liberal FRENCH!

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
**Cc:** hebrew ; Runoko@yahoo.com; tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Fri, January 22, 2010 3:20:44 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"....the need to block forever the march of the blacks in the world...."

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Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 4:45 AM

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Todah R' Ak Runoko [Thank you]

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--Napoleon Bonaparte

| 31555|2010-01-23 08:30:46|Roger Asterilla|Re: Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the  
jesus conspiracy|  
Hello Everyone,

This is an interesting discussion. There is some additional information regarding this topic . . . if one is interested in examining Joshua-ben-Pandira. He is said to have existed 100 before Jesus, that he was an Essene, that he was killed in Egypt as a sorcerer, and was the 'real' historical personage that 'Jesus' was modeled upon.

However, it should also be taken into account that the term Jesus has an Egyptian origin. Gerald Massey points out that the term (Jesus) refers to the Egyptian deity "Iu-em-hept", the son of Atum, who as the coming son, is "Iu-su", or Jesus. It would seem that the Egyptian 'mythic' was transformed into the Western 'historic'.

Yet, the story does not end here. In an interesting web post by Rick Letson, i.e., "Sessions with the Thessalonians", it is pointed out how Jesus is associated with the Cabirian cult. It states:

"Among the Thessalonian pantheon was an interesting figure called Cabirus. The cult of Cabirus was centered in Macedonia and Thrace. It focused on a legendary young man who was murdered by his two brothers. It was said that Cabirus would return one day to aid the powerless of the city. His symbol was the hammer, and he easily became associated with and worshipped by the working class in Thessalonica. Although no one knows why, at some point the Cabirus cult was taken over by the ruling elite and included in the official cult. Since it was common belief in those days that the gods listened more attentively to the

wealthy than to the poor, the powerless of Thessalonica felt as though their hope had been taken from them.

In the light of the Cabirus cult, it is easy to understand how Paul's preaching of Jesus could have easily gained traction in Thessalonica. After all, Jesus himself, like Cabirus, was a young man wrongly murdered who had indeed risen from the dead to bring good news to the poor and downtrodden."

The importance of this, other than the obvious, is that the "Cabiri", or the Cabirian Cult was established by the Phoenicians, who originated from Egypt. Of equal importance is the fact that the Cabiri were blacksmiths. As such, they are connected to the Blacksmith tradition out of Africa. This tradition can be easily traced to "Ptah", which according to Sitchin chronology dates back to approximately 20,000 BC. However, with effort, the Blacksmith Tradition of Africa has its roots in Africa's Serpent Worship, the first remnants of which are seen about 70,000 BC.

The point that I am attempting to make is that the myth of 'Jesus' has a much ancient origin than Apollonius, and which can be found in the Blacksmith Tradition of Africa. In fact, the Divine Blacksmith (Ptah/Egypt), Ogun (Nigerian), and the Heavenly Smith (Dogon) were all the prototypes of Jesus.

All of which can be traced . . . post Great Flood . . . to Nimrod (Menes), i.e., the Cushites/Ethiopians/Descendants of Ham, who travelled to areas of the world much larger than currently believed. Simply examine the leopard skin clothing of Nimrod and the Sem (mortuary) priest of Egypt. It should also be kept in mind that the Blacksmith Tradition pre-existed the Great Flood of Noah, and can be found with "Tubal-cain", the son of Lamech. Yet, its most ancient expression can be found among the Great Mother (Apt/Sekhbet-Bast) and her Son, Sut, who is even older than Ptah of Egypt (and considered the Ancient of Days).

A further point is that it is the Blacksmith Tradition that links all Africans forced into servitude . . . regardless of the tribal society one's ancestors has originated from. Essentially, Jesus and the Divine Blacksmith of Africa are one in the same . . . and his symbol is the "Pyramid".

Roger Asterilla "PEACE"

--- On **Mon, 1/18/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the Jesus conspiracy

To: Ta\_Seti@yahooogroups.com

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 12:42 PM

The 1st Great Teacher I would think would be someone lost in the midst of time/historical

speaking.

No he was not African, only a man who can be among those counted as the literal historical personage of that one in modern times called Jesus.

and the list continues as historians attempt to put a real face on the myth of Jesus the Christ.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On Sun, 1/17/10, shirley parker wrote:

From: shirley parker

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the Jesus conspiracy

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Sunday, January 17, 2010, 10:39 PM

so you are saying this guy was the first great teacher and not some savior? Was he African or what?

thanks sappie1952

**sin: "to miss the point of human existence"**

--- On Sun, 12/6/09, Tafari khumbaka wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Appolonius of Tyana another suspect in the Jesus conspiracy

To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2009, 9:49 PM

**As soon as Jesus was put in the place of Apollonius, the task of the Roman churchmen was to destroy all records concerning Apollonius and his Essenian Early Christian followers during the first three centuries, so that the world might forever be kept in darkness concerning this colossal deception and be made to believe that Jesus and the Christian religion, which they originated at the beginning of the Fourth Century A.D., antedated their creation by three centuries.**

**It was for this reason that the Alexandrian and other ancient libraries were burnt, so that all books written during and pertaining to the first three centuries of our Common Era might be destroyed. [Comment: The Library at Alexandria was burnt on several occasions, both by arson and by accident. The burning referred to above occurred in the year 389 CE during the reign of Emperor Theodosius I. Please see "Emperor Theodosius, Pope Hitler I."]**

**And so well did the churchmen succeed in obliterating such records that, for nearly two thousand years, the world has been kept in darkness concerning the fact that Apollonius of**

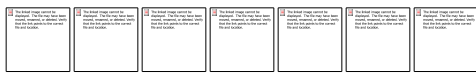
**Tyana was the recognized world teacher of the First Century, and that during the first three centuries, before he was created at the Council of Nicaea, as an alternative Messiah to Apollonius, no such man as Jesus Christ was known to or mentioned by anyone!**

**No greater cultural loss ever occurred than happened when the Christian mob set fire to the books and manuscripts of the Alexandrian Library [in 389 CE], in order to destroy all records of Apollonius of Tyana, so that the world might forever be ignorant of his existence and of his replacement by the previously non-existent and unknown Jesus, which occurred at the Council of Nicaea in the year 325 A.D.**

**But fortunately, a certain book survived - the FORBIDDEN BOOK - of all books in that great library - that was most feared. It was THE LIFE OF APOLLONIUS OF TYANA, by his biographer Philostratus.**

<http://home.iae.nl/users/lightnet/religion/apollonius.htm>

click above



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

tua/thanks for e- mails and info on this subject

| 31556|2010-01-23 08:31:05|hebrew b'yisrael|Re: (\*) Migration of whites from Steppes: Focus on Iran and Iraq?|

Hi Marc,

Great piece of work! Keep it up! This clearly shows the O.G. Greeks & other races were BLACK and made WHITE through "ethnic cleansing & mixing" in that region. North-East Africa not the Middle East; the biggest lie of the 20th Century!

later,

'brew

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**From:** Marc Washington

**To:** 1stdynasty@gmail.com

**Sent:** Sat, January 23, 2010 8:25:17 AM

**Subject:** (\*) Migration of whites from Steppes: Focus on Iran and Iraq?

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COMMENTARY: There are those who would look at picture D3 as an example of Iraqi youth and using that as a model to say there were no African peoples in ancient Mesopotamia nor among the Patriarchs of Old Testament days and Biblical times in Biblical lands. Why? Unfortunately, scientists have not all been genuine in noting that the first whites entered Europe from an origination in the Siberian Steppes.

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Hamil,

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later,

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To: "Trent Hatchett"

Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 4:45 AM

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| 31559|2010-01-23 08:32:41|Agola Kisira|THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES - The hate and the quake|

## **The Hate and the Quake**

Published on: 17th January 2010 by Sir Hilary Beckles

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES is in the process of conceiving how best to deliver a major conference on the theme Rethinking And Rebuilding Haiti.

I am very keen to provide an input into this exercise because for too long there has been a popular perception that somehow the Haitian nation-building project, launched on January 1, 1804, has failed on account of mismanagement, ineptitude, corruption.

Buried beneath the rubble of imperial propaganda, out of both Western Europe and the United States, is the evidence which shows that Haiti's independence was defeated by an aggressive North-Atlantic alliance that could not imagine their world inhabited by a free regime of Africans as representatives of the newly emerging democracy.

The evidence is striking, especially in the context of France.

The Haitians fought for their freedom and won, as did the Americans fifty years earlier. The Americans declared their independence and crafted an extraordinary constitution that set out a clear message about the value of humanity and the right to freedom, justice, and liberty.

In the midst of this brilliant discourse, they chose to retain slavery as the basis of the new nation state. The founding fathers therefore could not see beyond race, as the free state was built on a slavery foundation.

The water was poisoned in the well; the Americans went back to the battlefield a century later to resolve the fact that slavery and freedom could not comfortably co-exist in the same place.

The French, also, declared freedom, fraternity and equality as the new philosophies of their national transformation and gave the modern world a tremendous progressive boost by so doing.

They abolished slavery, but Napoleon Bonaparte could not imagine the republic without slavery and targeted the Haitians for a new, more intense regime of slavery. The British agreed, as did the Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese.

All were linked in communion over the 500 000 Blacks in Haiti, the most populous and prosperous Caribbean colony.

As the jewel of the Caribbean, they all wanted to get their hands on it. With a massive slave base, the English, French and Dutch salivated over owning it - and the people.

The people won a ten-year war, the bloodiest in modern history, and declared their independence. Every other country in the Americas was based on slavery.

Haiti was freed, and proceeded to place in its 1805 Independence Constitution that any person of African descent who arrived on its shores would be declared free, and a citizen of the republic.

For the first time since slavery had commenced, Blacks were the subjects of mass freedom and citizenship in a nation.

The French refused to recognise Haiti's independence and declared it an illegal

pariah state. The Americans, whom the Haitians looked to in solidarity as their mentor in independence, refused to recognise them, and offered solidarity instead to the French. The British, who were negotiating with the French to obtain the ownership title to Haiti, also moved in solidarity, as did every other nation-state the Western world.

Haiti was isolated at birth - ostracised and denied access to world trade, finance, and institutional development. It was the most vicious example of national strangulation recorded in modern history.

The Cubans, at least, have had Russia, China, and Vietnam. The Haitians were alone from inception.. The crumbling began.

Then came 1825; the moment of full truth. The republic is celebrating its 21st anniversary. There is national euphoria in the streets of Port-au-Prince.

The economy is bankrupt; the political leadership isolated. The cabinet took the decision that the state of affairs could not continue.

The country had to find a way to be inserted back into the world economy. The French government was invited to a summit.

Officials arrived and told the Haitian government that they were willing to recognise the country as a sovereign nation but it would have to pay compensation and reparation in exchange. The Haitians, with backs to the wall, agreed to pay the French.

The French government sent a team of accountants and actuaries into Haiti in order to place a value on all lands, all physical assets, the 500 000 citizens were who formerly enslaved, animals, and all other commercial properties and services.

The sums amounted to 150 million gold francs. Haiti was told to pay this reparation to France in return for national recognition.

The Haitian government agreed; payments began immediately. Members of the Cabinet were also valued because they had been enslaved people before independence.

Thus began the systematic destruction of the Republic of Haiti. The French government bled the nation and rendered it a failed state. It was a merciless

exploitation that was designed and guaranteed to collapse the Haitian economy and society.

Haiti was forced to pay this sum until 1922 when the last instalment was made. During the long 19th century, the payment to France amounted to up to 70 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

Jamaica today pays up to 70 per cent in order to service its international and domestic debt. Haiti was crushed by this debt payment. It descended into financial and social chaos.

The republic did not stand a chance. France was enriched and it took pleasure from the fact that having been defeated by Haitians on the battlefield, it had won on the field of finance. In the years when the coffee crops failed, or the sugar yield was down, the Haitian government borrowed on the French money market at double the going interest rate in order to repay the French government.

When the Americans invaded the country in the early 20th century, one of the reasons offered was to assist the French in collecting its reparations.

The collapse of the Haitian nation resides at the feet of France and America, especially. These two nations betrayed, failed, and destroyed the dream that was Haiti; crushed to dust in an effort to destroy the flower of freedom and the seed of justice.

Haiti did not fail. **It was destroyed by two of the most powerful nations on earth,** both of which continue to have a primary interest in its current condition.

The sudden quake has come in the aftermath of summers of hate. In many ways the quake has been less destructive than the hate.

Human life was snuffed out by the quake, while the hate has been a long and inhumane suffocation - a crime against humanity.

During the 2001 UN Conference on Race in Durban, South Africa, strong representation was made to the French government to repay the 150 million francs.

The value of this amount was estimated by financial actuaries as US\$21 billion. This sum of capital could rebuild Haiti and place it in a position to re-engage the modern world. It was illegally extracted from the Haitian people and should be

repaid.

It is stolen wealth. In so doing, France could discharge its moral obligation to the Haitian people.

For a nation that prides itself in the celebration of modern diplomacy, France, in order to exist with the moral authority of this diplomacy in this post-modern world, should do the just and legal thing.

Such an act at the outset of this century would open the door for a sophisticated interface of past and present, and set the Haitian nation free at last.

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| 31560|2010-01-23 08:42:26|Peter Gray|Re: Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS|  
Also remember how Napoleom deliberately killed Toussaint at Fort de Jour ... by depriving him of firewood and clothing (even his personal watch) so that he (Toussaint) eventually succumbed to fever on April 17, 1803. When the Haitian armies found out , Dessalines was prompted to slaughter all the whites in Haiti, and removed the white from the French tricolor -- which is why the Haitian flag today is just red and blue.

Peter

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"...myth of the liberal French!"

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I don't want to take Napoleon's quote out of context too much, but given the time he was alive

and messing around in Haiti (and don't forget the bozo also went to Egypt with his worldview about blacks) and his personal views at that time, but he was certainly speaking the language and sentiments of his fellowmen... globally and throughout history apparently. But I may be biased (((chuckle))) in my opinion of history and how blacks were perceived.

I think the French are as "liberal" as others....they just aim it at their own first, which is not a problem for me. A "street philosopher" taught me that - It's a po' dog that can't wag his own tail.....other's in the Diaspora should keep that in mind when they send their black martyrs to the West to create chaos. Our ancestors were not "invited" to relocate to the Americas or Haiti or Europe.

Runoko wrote an article about the presence of blacks in Germany and Russia...and you could have knocked me over with a feather when I read it!!! Guess that "Black Russian" thing is real after all.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

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You are more than welcomed! So much for the myth of the liberal FRENCH!

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"....the need to block forever the march of the blacks in the world...."

Whoooo-booyee, unbelievable the "quotes" some people think are historically valid, but wittingly biting you in the butt later.....ROTFL! !!!

"No", I don't think it is "humorous" in the least, but it certainly puts the push for global "relations" into perspective IMNSHO. The man said "...march of the **blacks in the world...**" of puts a kabosh on any future dreams of freedom, hope and justice from the start **if** you have to be born black - West, East or anywhere else on the planet.

Sheesh, and I thought I was "seeing things from the biased perspective" of a member of the African Diaspora. Thanks for finding this Hebrew....and you too Rashidi.

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--Napoleon Bonaparte  
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| 31561|2010-01-23 09:19:52|Peter Gray|Re: a matter of faith? Hebrew, copied|  
How ironic it is that we only truly come together during terrible crisis.

Peter

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## **As lives and houses shattered in Haiti quake, so did some religious differences**

By Manuel Roig-Franzia

Washington Post

Sunday, January 17, 2010; A01

PORT-AU-PRINCE -- At night, voices rise in the street. Sweet, joyful, musical voices in lyric Creole. A symphony of hope in a landscape of despair.

"It doesn't mean anything if Satan hates me, because God loves me," sing the women at Jeremy Square, their faces almost invisible in the darkness of this powerless, shattered downtown. "God has already paid my debt."

Haiti is known as a society of devout Christians -- Catholics, Protestants, Methodists, evangelicals -- and followers of voodoo. Faith has long played a powerful role in this impoverished nation, giving hope to the poor and fulfilling social functions that the government is incapable of handling.

But in the days since the earth pitched and rolled here, pulverizing shanties and mansions alike, the religious differences that sometimes separated Haitians have come crashing down.

Port-au-Prince has become a kind of multid denominational, open-air church. Tens of thousands live in the street together, scraping for food and water, sharing their misery and blending their spirituality.

The women singing together in Jeremy Square might never have worshiped side by side before the disaster, but now their voices harmonize and soar well past 2 in the morning. Lionelle Masse, a stringy woman with a deep, sad voice, lost a child in the quake. She sings next to Rosena Roche, a fiery-eyed Catholic whose husband is buried under tons of rubble.

"I still have faith in God," Roche says. "I want to give glory to God."

Regardless of their faith, countless Haitians have similar questions: Why was I spared? Are we being punished for our sins? Is this a test of faith? What happens in the afterlife?

### **'Not the will of the Lord'**

Seekers stream into the parking lot of the ruined Sacre Coeur Catholic church, a 105-year-old brick gem that was turned into a grim, hollowed-out shell, its stunning stained-glass windows tossed to the ground in shards. There, the Catholics and the Protestants and others seek solace from Father Hans Alexander, a Haitian priest who took his decidedly un-Haitian first name from

his German father. He doesn't ask them about their religion; he asks them about their pain. "Catholics and Protestants and other religions are praying together now," Alexander says, as two tearful women slump over his thick, broad shoulders. "We are saying, 'We love Jesus; we don't care about religions. We just care about the Lord.' " He has tried to teach his followers this lesson for years but did not always succeed in changing the minds of parishioners who thought their religion was better or truer than others. The quake, he says, has done much to convince those he could not.

As it often can be with faith, there are doubts to overcome. Some parishioners want to blame the devil, or take responsibility themselves because they have sinned. Some think God has abandoned them.

"This is not the will of the Lord," Alexander tells the two women, sisters who lost their mother and one of their children, a 1 1/2 -year-old, in the quake. "Don't put this blame on the back of anyone. Don't put it on yourself."

Like almost everyone here, the woe is personal for Alexander, who is wearing sandals, almost as if to defy the dangerous pieces of glass, jagged metal and concrete that litter the sidewalk outside his church and befoul his courtyard. Beneath the broken remnants of his rectory are the bodies of at least 20 church members he must mourn alongside their friends and relatives.

A woman whose relative is now entombed there quietly prays, with arms spread out toward a statue of the Virgin Mary. Some of the grieving have wrestled with guilt about having survived while their loved ones died, but Alexander assures them that "it is not because God loves one person more than another."

Alexander, 40, grew up in this church, first as a vicar and for the past seven months as its principal priest. He is himself pondering basic questions. He has spoken so many times of "original sin," but the quake has led him to what he calls "a discovery," reinforcing his belief that "God created us to be good." The neighbors he sees helping one another -- carting debris, digging for survivors, patching wounds both physical and psychological -- confirmed it for him. That sense of fundamental goodness is what rankles the priests gathered at Sacre Coeur about comments such as those by American televangelist Pat Robertson, who suggested that the earthquake was a punishment for Haitians aligning themselves, at times, with the devil. When Catholic priest Arsene Jasmin heard that, he was enraged. Jasmin, a Haitian who is a priest at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Church in the District, arrived in Port-au-Prince for a visit the day before the earthquake.

"I get mad when I hear that Haiti is somehow being punished," he says. "It's unacceptable and wrong."

Jasmin gathered Friday night in a nearby building with 100 worshipers for three hours of prayer and song. His friend, Alexander, has no church anymore -- the building that once received 3,000 worshipers for five Sunday services is a wreck. But Alexander says he will celebrate Mass outside a nearby house Sunday anyway, and he expects hundreds, if not thousands, to come.

### **Salvation under the skies**

For others, especially those stuck in place because they have no way to travel around the city, places such as Jeremy Square will be their makeshift churches, as they have been each night. Roche, the Catholic woman who fears her husband is dead, sleeps and worships in the square, squeezed into a row of 25 men, women and children -- one of at least 60 tightly packed rows along the slope pavement of the square.

Just a few steps from Roche's thin, white blanket, Primrose Toussaint, a fervent Pentecostal believer drenched in sweat, waves her arms in the air.

"Even if I die, I die with Jesus," she calls out to no one in particular. "God bless this country. God bless these people."

She has no home, and almost all her meager possessions are gone, but she says, "I don't feel like I am in trouble. Without Jesus, I would be in trouble."

The children sleep while Roche and Toussaint sing in voices fast growing hoarse from hours of hymns. A chorus builds behind them.

"If you believe in God, salvation is sure," the voices sing as one. "Oh God, open the way."

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| 31562|2010-01-23 09:21:23|Peter Gray|Re: Haiti: A Historical Timeline|

Sorry. I meant Duvalier's election in 1957, not 1937.

Peter

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Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 10:11:30 -0500

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti: A Historical Timeline

Thanks for that chronology of Haitian history, Sekhmet. Again I recommend reading C. L.R. James' *Black Jacobins*.

It should also be added as a footnote that Papa Doc Duvalier's "election" in 1937 was orchestrated by the US.

Peter

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This should probably go under the thread of "Why is Haiti so poor?" since folks are apparently "stuck" blaming Dubya, Daddy Dubya, the CIA or the French for the last couple of decades of poverty. I personally, don't know the particulars. ...and there are many...but once Haiti gained their indepenence, it appears that some of their "homegrown whackjobs" liked the usual way of governance of a country, meaning only a handful were "elite" while the vast majority were dining on "mud cakes"...literally. (*Oooops; I guess I shouldn't have let anyone know that I routinely check up on predominantly black nations from time to time to see if black leaders have become "Westernized" in their treatment of their fellow citizens. Ah well, too late now.*) Anyhoo, I can't change anything but sometimes I like to make suggestions on how to improve the lives of the lower class citizens, but....I'm just a giiirrrlllll. ..LOL!! -Sekhmet

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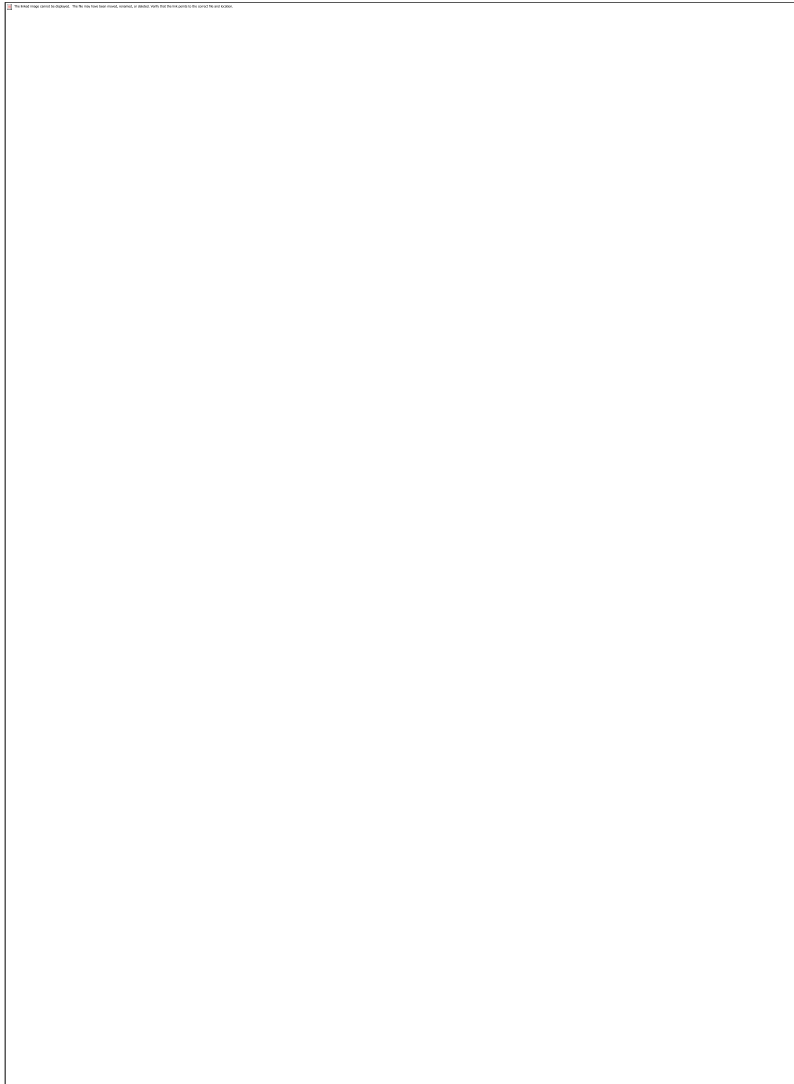
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- By: Joel Dreyfuss | Posted: January 16, 2010 at 3:29 PM



### Important Dates in Haitian History

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A timeline of important dates in Haiti's history.

1492 - Dec. 5, Columbus lands on a large island he names Isla Espa (Spanish Island), later changed to Hispaniola. It is inhabited by Taino and Arawak Indians.

1503 - First Africans brought to Hispaniola for labor after pleas from a Spanish priest who wants to save the Indians from extinction.

1592 - Spanish governor executes Queen Anacaona, the last Taino chief.

1659 - First official settlement on Tortuga (off the coast of Haiti) by French buccaneers who hunt wild cattle and by pirates who attack ships sailing from South America to Europe.

1664 - French West India Company takes control of Western third of the island and names it Saint-Domingue.

1670 - First French settlement on the main island, named Cap

Francois, later Cap-François and now Cap-Haitien, the second largest city in Haiti. Settlers grow cacao, coffee, tobacco and indigo and begin importing slaves as labor.

1685 - Louis XIV enacts the Code Noir, which regulates the treatment of slaves and sets obligations for owners. Corporal punishment is allowed, sanctioning brutal treatment.

1697 - Spain formally cedes the Western third of the island to France via the Treaty of Ryswick.

1749 - Port-au-Prince is founded.

1758 - Rebel leader Mackandal, born in Guinea, is captured and burned alive in Cap-Francois after seven years of leading an insurrection.

1777 - French officers lead a regiment of 750 free blacks from Saint-Domingue to help the fledgling U.S. fight British troops at Savannah, Georgia. The unit includes several future leaders of Haiti.

1780 - Saint-Domingue is France's richest colony, producing 40 percent of all sugar and 60 percent of all coffee consumed in Europe.

1789 - When the French Revolution starts, the colony has 500,000 slaves, 32,000 whites and 25,000 people of color (mixed-race) , many of whom have inherited wealth and slaves from their white fathers.

1791 - August 22 - Slave revolt begins. Tradition says it starts with a voodoo ceremony led by Dutty Boukman. He is captured and executed but revolt spreads and plantations are torched.

1794 - February 4 - French Assembly abolishes slavery in all its colonies, ratifying what is already reality in Saint-Domingue.

1801 - Toussaint L'Ouverture defeats British and Spanish troops that invaded Santo Domingo and controls the entire island.

1802 - Napoleon sends 40,000 troops under his brother-in-law, Gen. Charles Leclerc, to re-establish slavery in the colonies. Leclerc deceives and captures Toussaint and ships him to France, where he dies in prison.

1804 - Jan. 1 - After defeating the French forces, Jean-Jacques Dessalines declares Haiti an independent nation, taking an Arawak name meaning country of mountains.

1806 - Dessalines is assassinated and Haiti splits into two states, a northern state led by an emperor, Henri Christophe, and a southern republic led by president Alexandre Pétion.

1820 - After the deaths of Pétion and Christophe, Jean-Pierre Boyer unifies Haiti into one nation and takes control of Santo Domingo as well.

1825 - France's King Charles X recognizes Haiti's independence but demands 150 million francs in indemnity, backing his conditions with a fleet of warships.

1844 - Dominican Republic declares its independence from Haiti.

1863 - U.S. President Abraham Lincoln recognizes Haiti and allows trade for the first time.

1904 - Haiti celebrates 100 years of independence.

1915 - U.S. forces occupy Haiti; they will stay until 1934.

1930 - First full democratic elections in Haiti; Stenio Vincent elected.

1937 - Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo orders the expulsion of Haitians working in his country. Between 17,000 and 35,000 are killed.

1957 - Francois Duvalier, a doctor, is elected president. "Papa Doc" establishes one of the most brutal dictatorships in Haitian history. His rule is enforced by a militia commonly-known as Tonton Macoutes.

1971- Duvalier dies; his son takes power and is proclaimed President-for- Life, like is father.

1974 - The Haitian national soccer team participates in the World Cup.

1986 - Unrest leads the military to oust "Baby Doc" and his kleptocratic clan.

1990 - Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a former Catholic priest is elected with 67% of the vote.

1991 - Aristide is ousted in a coup that many Haitians believe was financed by the business elite.

1994 - Backed by a UN resolution, the Clinton Administration restores Aristide to power.

1996 - René Préval elected President; he is seen as a stand-in for Aristide.

2000- Aristide elected President again after much-disputed parliamentary elections.

2004 - Aristide leaves under pressure of an armed rebellion; he claims the U.S. kidnapped him and shipped him out.

2006 - Préval elected again. A UN peacekeeping force in Haiti since 2003 grows to 9,000 troops.

2008 - Unrest erupts as Haitians riot against high food prices.

2010 - January 12 - An earthquake with a magnitude of 7.0 devastates Port-au-Prince and damages much of Haiti.



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"It doesn't mean anything if Satan hates me, because God loves me," sing the women at Jeremy Square, their faces almost invisible in the darkness of this powerless, shattered downtown. "God has already paid my debt."

Haiti is known as a society of devout Christians -- Catholics, Protestants, Methodists, evangelicals -- and followers of voodoo. Faith has long played a powerful role in this impoverished nation, giving hope to the poor and fulfilling social functions that the government is incapable of handling.

But in the days since the earth pitched and rolled here, pulverizing shanties and mansions alike, the religious differences that sometimes separated Haitians have come crashing down.

Port-au-Prince has become a kind of multid denominational , open-air church. Tens of thousands live in the street together, scraping for food and water, sharing their misery and blending their spirituality.

The women singing together in Jeremy Square might never have worshiped side by side before the disaster, but now their voices harmonize and soar well past 2 in the morning. Lionelle Masse, a stringy woman with a deep, sad voice, lost a child in the quake. She sings next to Rosena

Roche, a fiery-eyed Catholic whose husband is buried under tons of rubble.

"I still have faith in God," Roche says. "I want to give glory to God."

Regardless of their faith, countless Haitians have similar questions: Why was I spared? Are we being punished for our sins? Is this a test of faith? What happens in the afterlife?

### **'Not the will of the Lord'**

Seekers stream into the parking lot of the ruined Sacre Coeur Catholic church, a 105-year-old brick gem that was turned into a grim, hollowed-out shell, its stunning stained-glass windows tossed to the ground in shards. There, the Catholics and the Protestants and others seek solace from Father Hans Alexander, a Haitian priest who took his decidedly un-Haitian first name from his German father. He doesn't ask them about their religion; he asks them about their pain.

"Catholics and Protestants and other religions are praying together now," Alexander says, as two tearful women slump over his thick, broad shoulders. "We are saying, 'We love Jesus; we don't care about religions. We just care about the Lord.'" He has tried to teach his followers this lesson for years but did not always succeed in changing the minds of parishioners who thought their religion was better or truer than others. The quake, he says, has done much to convince those he could not.

As it often can be with faith, there are doubts to overcome. Some parishioners want to blame the devil, or take responsibility themselves because they have sinned. Some think God has abandoned them.

"This is not the will of the Lord," Alexander tells the two women, sisters who lost their mother and one of their children, a 1 1/2 -year-old, in the quake. "Don't put this blame on the back of anyone. Don't put it on yourself."

Like almost everyone here, the woe is personal for Alexander, who is wearing sandals, almost as if to defy the dangerous pieces of glass, jagged metal and concrete that litter the sidewalk outside his church and befoul his courtyard. Beneath the broken remnants of his rectory are the bodies of at least 20 church members he must mourn alongside their friends and relatives.

A woman whose relative is now entombed there quietly prays, with arms spread out toward a statue of the Virgin Mary. Some of the grieving have wrestled with guilt about having survived while their loved ones died, but Alexander assures them that "it is not because God loves one person more than another."

Alexander, 40, grew up in this church, first as a vicar and for the past seven months as its principal priest. He is himself pondering basic questions. He has spoken so many times of "original sin," but the quake has led him to what he calls "a discovery," reinforcing his belief that "God created us to be good." The neighbors he sees helping one another -- carting debris, digging for survivors, patching wounds both physical and psychological -- confirmed it for him. That sense of fundamental goodness is what rankles the priests gathered at Sacre Coeur about comments such as those by American televangelist Pat Robertson, who suggested that the earthquake was a punishment for Haitians aligning themselves, at times, with the devil. When Catholic priest Arsene Jasmin heard that, he was enraged. Jasmin, a Haitian who is a priest at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Church in the District, arrived in Port-au-Prince for a visit the day before the earthquake.

"I get mad when I hear that Haiti is somehow being punished," he says. "It's unacceptable and wrong."

Jasmin gathered Friday night in a nearby building with 100 worshipers for three hours of prayer and song. His friend, Alexander, has no church anymore -- the building that once received 3,000 worshipers for five Sunday services is a wreck. But Alexander says he will celebrate Mass

outside a nearby house Sunday anyway, and he expects hundreds, if not thousands, to come.

### **Salvation under the skies**

For others, especially those stuck in place because they have no way to travel around the city, places such as Jeremy Square will be their makeshift churches, as they have been each night. Roche, the Catholic woman who fears her husband is dead, sleeps and worships in the square, squeezed into a row of 25 men, women and children -- one of at least 60 tightly packed rows along the slope pavement of the square.

Just a few steps from Roche's thin, white blanket, Primrose Toussaint, a fervent Pentecostal believer drenched in sweat, waves her arms in the air.

"Even if I die, I die with Jesus," she calls out to no one in particular. "God bless this country. God bless these people."

She has no home, and almost all her meager possessions are gone, but she says, "I don't feel like I am in trouble. Without Jesus, I would be in trouble."

The children sleep while Roche and Toussaint sing in voices fast growing hoarse from hours of hymns. A chorus builds behind them.

"If you believe in God, salvation is sure," the voices sing as one. "Oh God, open the way."

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--- On **Sun, 1/17/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] a matter of faith? Check out this site I found on StumbleUpon!

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| 31564|2010-01-23 09:48:40|Peter Gray|Re: Peter/Polyandry, jungle style....|

"The jungle version of domestic abuse" is a trivial response. I was merely trying to illustrate a real world example of how gender imbalance can bring about the kind of violence we were discussing. (BTW, Isuggest the Amazon).

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

From: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 17:47:48 -0800

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/Polyandry, jungle style....

"...Younger men seek to attract ....'married women'..."

Peter hold on while I ROTFL!!!

The jungle version of "domestic abuse" ....sheesh, and they have really big knives to cut the jungle brush with. Now where should I go....Nepal of the Amazon? (Just kidding...ROTFL! !)

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 6:29 PM

Sekhmet,

There is the interesting case in the Brazilian rainforest (Amazon) of the Yanomahi (??), in which population the shortage of males (through natural genetics only) has brought about a high incidence of wifebeating and male-vs-male violence due to suspected infidelity. Younger men seek to attract (and often succeed in getting) "married women", causing suspicious "married men" into conflict with the younger unmarried men.

This is the same society that National Geographic has portrayed as an idyllic jungle tribe.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 11:00:40 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy

"...due to the shortage of women..."

Interesting Hebrew, China I know has a shortage of women because of their one child law the killing of infant girls because they favor boy births...I ain't figured that one out yet. The countries you mentioned has a shortage of women because..... ?

If you know of a link or article please let me know what it is. Besides natural disasters of s sort, I can't think of any reason(s) why they would have a woman shortage, but polygamy is the answer IMO, because it would appear to deprive other men of getting a wife since there are more men than women.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:23 AM

polygamy is common practice in Nepal, parts of China, Tibet, Bhutan, & other countries around there due to the shortage of women.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 10:07:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

Peter

PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to can hear her in her own words.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... .not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = I To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, know....no problem.

As for Nigerians or some West Africans engaging in polygamy as a cultural norm, and now trying to become "Westernized" and condemning it.....that is due to their indigenous religion being slowly eroded by conversion to Christianity. Or, their lack of finances to afford a polygamous lifestyle.

I believe that East Africans are predominantly Islamic in modern times, so they too will consider polygamy a cultural norm and treat women as "air head", second class citizens to boot.

Thanks for the book titles, I will try to read a literary critique on-line unless you want to do that for me....no way I can afford to purchase more books at this time.

Now, Peter....do you want to discuss the benefits of multiple husbands and why men avoid the topic.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:34 AM

Yes polygamy is still considered "normal" in many parts of West Africa (e.g., Nigeria), in the sense that it is a common practice. Check out these books from the Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Half of a Yellow Sun* [set in the time of the Biafran War, 1967-70]; and *Purple Hibiscus*.

Nowadays, it is considered politically correct to condemn the practice, largely because of patronizing Western liberal thinking. I do believe that Africans themselves will come to reject and abandon it as they attempt to modernize, i.e. Westernize, and I suspect the driving force for that change will be the limited ability of the MALE to afford it.

Forgive my ignorance, but what is ROTFL?  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 10:23:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"....Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal..."  
Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social

depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless some catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community. If it is about female genital mutilation... well, that was an individual tribal "norm" and not an African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing if some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it is not normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis head of men to keep things balanced. "...don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground." Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. Women can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements: protection, child rearing and monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/12/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:18 PM

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter



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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com)  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to a woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though hell out of moralists.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to do unto you is a universal principle anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well as we are still human no matter what any religious, spiritual, cultural system may apply. Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though marriage time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship

the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and complacency.  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahooogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

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| 31565|2010-01-23 09:55:37|Peter Gray|Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson|

Correcton: Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua all sent aid, but there were reports of their teams not being allowed to land at the airport, though I can't be sure how true that is. There is history of comradry among those countries, and of their empathy with Haiti, hence their immediate offers of aid.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

From: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 20:49:04 -0800

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson

"...Obama for taking 3 whole days..."

Sheesh...((( heavy sigh)))...

with regard to a foreign country, diplomats, etc, etc....the talking heads are GUESSING it took 3 days to respond to the incident. Hell, I heard about it within 24 hours and I am a NObody relevant. Seriously, I "felt" the earth move...not the first time...but it occurred in California first, then moved to Haiti the next day.

Haiti is a SEPARATE subject/concern which is why it took hours. Haiti is still a USA protectorate, which Limbaugh carefully pointed out to his listeners. While there are several Americans... and other foreign businesses/corporations....doing BUSINESS in Haiti, the people are still the poorest nation in the area. The media is even complaining about Cuba not sending aid to Haiti, which I find laughable since Haiti is a "fourth world" nation....Cuba is really a "third world" nation and couldn't send aid if they had it; they are busy with their own natural disasters and nutbars. I ain't mad at them, but the average people really need some GLOBAL information on just which countries have money and who does not.

If Cuba didn't send any aid to Haiti....I understand.. ..they didn't have it TO send!! Cubans have been hurting for decades too. (Now wait for some talking head to "clarify" why the USA had something to do with that too.) Robertson is a "jesus freak" who needs to shut the heck up if he is not going to aid the Haitians instead of riling up racist hatemongers.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10**, **Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 8:40 AM

What about RushLimbaugh criticizing Obama for taking 3 whole days to respond to the attempted Christmas Day "terrorist attack"but taking only 3 hours to respond to the Haitian earthquake?

Limbaugh charged that this horrific situation simply plays into thehands of Obama and allows him to consildate his base among black and brown Americans.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 12:45:49 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson

Sometimes I just shake my head....does anyone still listen to Pat Robertson and think he m  
common sense?

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Personal Message: Well for crying out loud.....

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the\\_devil\\_and\\_pat\\_roberton.html?referrer=emallink](http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/undergod/2010/01/haiti_the_devil_and_pat_roberton.html?referrer=emallink)

## Haiti, the devil and Pat Robertson

**By David Waters**

Pat Robertson is at it again. The purported Christian minister who suggested assassinating Venezuela leader Hugo Chavez and nuking the U.S. State Department, the reputed follower of Jesus who blamed the 9/11 terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina on pagans, abortionists, feminists, gays and lesbians, is now attributing the Haitian earthquake to Haiti's "[pact to the devil](#)."

"Something happened a long time ago in Haiti and people might not want to talk about," Robertson said Tuesday on his 700 Club show. "They were under the heel of the French, you know Napoleon the third and whatever. And they got together and swore a pact to the devil. They said 'We will serve you if you will get us free from the prince.' True story. And so the devil said, 'Ok it's a deal.' And they

kicked the French out. The Haitians revolted and got something themselves free. But ever since they have been cursed by one thing after another."

One can only assume that Robertson is alluding to the fact that a majority of Haitians believe in and practice some forms of [voodoo](#). Perhaps he's also referring to the fact that [Roman Catholicism](#) is the official religion of Haiti. It's also possible Robertson doesn't know what he's talking about.

Michael Lindsay, a Rice University sociologist and author of the book "Faith in the Halls of Power: How Evangelicals Joined the American Elite," suggests that Robertson does indeed know what he's talking about, and why: "Pat Robertson continues to distinguish himself as American evangelicalism's most flamboyant spokesperson. When tragedies strike, people naturally ask questions about why bad things happen to the innocent, and millions of Americans see the hand of God or the devil at work in natural calamities," Lindsay said. "But few religious leaders today draw the kinds of explicit connection as Pat Robertson has done with the Haitian earthquake. Robertson's comments reflect as much [his rhetorical flourish and skill as a ratings booster as they do his theology](#)."

Years ago I wrote a column saying that we should pay attention to the crazy things Robertson says because his thinking reflects the thinking of millions of fundamentalist Christians, many of whom support his multi-million-dollar "Christian" media empire and the political views he espouses. Maybe I was wrong. Maybe the time has come to stop paying attention to Pat Robertson. Surely the time has come for Robertson to stop making such shameful comments. Considering the massive death, destruction and misery in Haiti, it is shameful for anyone -- but especially a so-called minister of the gospel -- to suggest that God or the poor people of Haiti had anything to do with it.

Do you agree?

UPDATE: In a [statement](#) on its Web site, the Christian Broadcasting Network said Robertson was speaking objectively about Haiti's history that has led "countless scholars and religious figures over the centuries to believe the country is cursed: "Dr. Robertson never stated that the earthquake was God's wrath," the statement reads. "If you watch the entire video segment, Dr. Robertson's compassion for the people of Haiti is clear."

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| 31566|2010-01-23 09:57:37|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: Scott Baio Rips Michelle Obama|  
hmmm....and posting a pic of his wife's One black friend makes us believe you meant no harm  
how?? LOL this is ridiculous, what an idiot now why would you even make those kinds of  
comments? Funny how he wants protection because ppl love to hate, is he not hating on Obama  
and his wife???

--- On **Fri, 1/22/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Scott Baio Rips Michelle Obama  
To: "Ta-Seti"  
Cc: tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com, "hebrew"  
Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 7:36 PM

Subject: Scott Baio attacked with death threats after posting unflattering photo of Michelle Obama



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BY [Rich Schapiro](#)

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any kind). BTW, what is your first language?  
Peter

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To:  
From: eroical@yahoo.com  
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 08:22:35 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Dear friend,

**Dear friend,**  
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**Now, the company enlarges its extent .Thanks for the new and old customers ' supporting ,**  
**These goods are sold at a discount., a lot of friends have already bought the products from**  
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**I hope you don't miss it.**  
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| 31568|2010-01-23 17:18:38|shirley parker|Re: Scott Baio Rips Michelle Obama|  
I'd rather not comment on that pop-eyed f\*\*k!

**sin: "to miss the point of human existence"**

--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Li (wiseladyowl)** wrote:

From: Li (wiseladyowl)  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Scott Baio Rips Michelle Obama  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 11:56 AM

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how?? LOL this is ridiculous, what an idiot now why would you even make those kinds o  
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--- On **Fri, 1/22/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Scott Baio Rips Michelle Obama  
To: "Ta-Seti"  
Cc: tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com, "hebrew"  
Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 7:36 PM

Subject: Scott Baio attacked with death threats after posting unflattering photo of Michelle Obama



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BY [Rich Schapiro](#)

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| 31569|2010-01-24 07:26:20|cece|Re: Scott Baio Rips Michelle Obama|  
this is my first time seeing this. scott is a washed up, nobody who isn't working , has made any movies. i'm really getting tired of nonblack people "hating" on us and when get called on it; they start talking about having a Black person has a best friend.

--- In [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com), sekhmet Johnson wrote:

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why are the news media, bill clinton, and that haiti concert last night is telling folks to give to Red cross? i gave 25.00 a piece last week to : yele - wyclef foundation, unicef and catholic charties. this week they accused wyclef of stealing from his own foundation, he did a press conference and broke down crying. wyclef appeared on Oprah, admitted that he or his folks did not file income tax in a few years??? that people were attacking him because he was raising a

million dollars a day for his organization and he was the only one out there picking dead bodies out of the ruins. i was so touched by him and his beautiful black wife.

--- In Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com, sekhmet Johnson wrote:

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> Hello Tafari, I copied the article below and thanks for the link, I am simply overwhelmed with the continuous victimization of black people by...everybody!! I concur that the Katrina Debacle was "man made" by the way, and we should be very cautious who we make donations to. I have another "list" of groups from another site, but have no way of checking to see if they (the groups mentioned) are legitimate or not. PLEASE NOTE...all of the "bold type" within the article is mine and NOT the original author's. -Sekhmet

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> Haiti, Katrina, and Why I Won't Give To Haiti Through the Red Cross

> By Bruce A. Dixon

> Created 01/20/2010 - 12:20

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> At Katrina, the Red Cross used funds generously donated by millions of Americans to implement what many knew at the time was, and what has turned out to be the dispersal of much of black New Orleans to the four corners of the continental US. If the Red Cross didn't respect the persons, the families, the communities of black US citizens, do we really imagine it will respect Haitians.

> Haiti, Katrina, and Why I Won't Give To Haiti Through the Red Cross

> by BAR managing editor Bruce A. Dixon

> What's charitably given isn't always charitably distributed. In 21st century American and its empire, our corporate and military elite wield immense power, including the power. Corporate philanthropy serves corporate interests, not human interests, and corporate control over government, culture and media ensure that even funds donated by ordinary citizens can be directed and harvested for elite purposes too.

> In the wake of the man-made disaster of Katrina, Americans freely gave tens of millions to the American Red Cross, which used a great deal of it to effectively disperse the population of black New Orleans to the four corners of the continental U.S. Millions more were diverted to their administrative overhead or other projects. But the local Louisiana elites who benefited from the exile of hundreds of thousands of black New Orleans residents were able to use Red Cross funds and personnel to work their will.

> I know. I was there. In the days immediately after Katrina in 2005 I made it down to Baton Rouge, where thousands of the evacuees pulled out of the water and scooped off rooftops and overpasses were huddled in shelters at the city's convention center and Southern University. The shelters were hard to miss, because there was a mile long line of buses crawling toward each one. The busiest person in each shelter was the transportation coordinator.

> If an evacuee had a high status job, proof of ID and checkable references, I saw them put plane

tickets for the whole family in that person's hand, line up a job in Detroit or Los Angeles, and call them a cab to the airport. But for everybody else without a car, they had one solution. Get on the bus. There would be no way back, and no plans to help you go back. There's a bus for you, going to Dallas or Houston or somewhere.

> Singly and in groups I interviewed just under a hundred evacuees in a day and a half, many still disoriented. They wanted to be reunited with their families. They wondered if they'd be able to go back, or if there would be anything to go back to. But all the Red Cross told them, I heard again and again, was that the shelter is closing in a couple of days, you can't stay here in Baton Rouge, you have to get on a bus to Houston, Dallas, Atlanta or somewhere. Now. Even those who had businesses before the flood --- I talked to the owner of a bakery and a car repair shop who stayed to protect their investment and to look after relatives --- even they were told there's nothing here for you but a bus going out of state.

> I talked to some of the Red Cross people who ran the shelter too, especially at Southern University. I recall asking them how they knew people had nothing in New Orleans to go back to. They were white, of course and most of the sheltered evacuees were black. □ Look at them, □ was the stock answer from several. □ What could they possibly have worth going back to? They are better off starting new lives somewhere else, □ they rationalized. They also cited news stories in wide circulation about New Orleans residents firing on helicopters and boats that were rescuing people, reports that later were proven false. I told them they were likely to be untrue, but they wanted very badly to believe, and they did.

> I recall pointing out that if they were dispersed far out of state many would have no way back, but with one or two impressions, this had little effect on their conclusion. One or two, I remember, seemed to struggle with what I told them, and said they hoped it was not true, but they were just doing their jobs.

> My point here is that in a society controlled by an elite with often questionable motives, the charities this corporate elite and their media promote have to be questioned too. I won't give a nickel through the Red Cross because they are no more likely to recognize the viability and full humanity of Haitians and their communities than did on the Gulf Coast. The Red Cross isn't alone in this.

> The US government, as Glen Ford points out, has thoroughly militarized US aid to Haiti, and the same US corporate media that painted New Orleans as a cesspool of violence and despair are bringing us images and impressions of Haiti that match their twisted vision. Food and water cannot be distributed until □ order □ is restored.

> Corporate media manufactures □ celebrities □ all the time, people who are famous for being well known, and about whose lives we know more than we know about the public affairs in our own cities and towns and school boards. Haitian musician Wyclef Jean used his celebrity, and the earthquake, to raise millions for his own Haitian charity.

> We make no judgment on the allegations that its bookkeeping may be irregular. But it's worth noting that Wyclef Jean has family ties to the group of gangsters and thugs that the Clinton-era CIA installed in office when it removed Haiti's elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide from office in the 1990s. Wyclef Jean has repeated the contemptible lie all over black radio that Aristide skipped the country with \$900 million stolen from Haitians. We understand where this comes from [1]. Wyclef's uncle was the Washington DC representative of the short-lived un-elected gangster governments of Haiti, and runs a right wing rag of a Haitian newspaper dedicated to spreading outrageous and self-serving falsehoods against Lavalas, the only Haitian party capable of winning free elections in that unhappy country.



> If Wyclef will lie about that, we wonder what else he'd lie about, and why we should trust him with our money.

> Wyclif's problems aside, one way to ensure your donations are deployed and used in a manner faithful to your intent, and respectful of the Haitian rights to community, humanity and agency, is to send them to efforts managed in whole or in part by responsible Haitians, and members of the Haitian diaspora.

> Here are a few of the places to donate that we recommend, people whom we and those close to us can vouch for personally. Give generously, as we understand aftershocks are continuing to occur. There are many others. But not the Red Cross. Probably not anybody whose name you see on CNN. Or on BET. Our apologies to the great people we haven't mentioned. Use the comments to add more recommendations of authentic, grassroots, responsible places for people to donate. Our comments are moderated, of course.

> **Scattering Resources** □ [Online donations via PayPal](#) [2]

> Scattering Resources is working in cooperation with Fondation Avenir [3] in on-the-ground relief efforts in Haiti. Members of Scattering Resources help comprise a team that delivering supplies and assessing the situation in local communities inside Port-au-Prince and Jacmel.

> Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network [4]

> HLLN is connected with networks of Haitian doctors and others abroad, and with care providers on the ground in Haiti.

> And of course the National Nurses Organization [5] will let you volunteer (if you're an RN) to go yourself, or donate to sponsor an RN. Check them out at <http://www.sendanurse.org> [6]

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> From: Tafari khumbaka

> Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations

> To: maatcollective@yahogroups.com

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> The following report details why black people should avoid making donations to any of the major corporately controlled disaster relief organizations such as the Red Cross and others including Wyclef Jean's(interesting comments on this fellow). Most of these are not working in the interests of those that the donations are intended to help and assist. The author offers other more viable and honest options for those of us willing to donate either our time or money to ensure that the help gets to where it is needed. Please spread!!

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> <http://tns1.blackagenda.com/?q=print/content/haiti-katrina-and-why-i-wont-give-haiti-through-red-cross>

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| 31571|2010-01-24 07:26:28|sekhmet Johnson|Re: a matter of faith? Hebrew, copied|

"...we only come together during terrible crisis..."

Hello Peter,

I think "we" forget that we are connected on a subliminal level at all times. "We" may be separated by physical barriers and MIS/DISinformation from others, but not mental and spiritual ones....quiet as it is kept. "We" are not any different than others, but I guess that is on the "D L" too....ROTFL!!!  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] a matter of faith? Hebrew, copied  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 11:12 AM

How ironic it is that we only truly come together during terrible crisis.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 14:56:41 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] a matter of faith? Hebrew, copied

## **As lives and houses shattered in Haiti quake, so did some religious differences**

By Manuel Roig-Franzia

Washington Post

Sunday, January 17, 2010; A01

PORT-AU-PRINCE -- At night, voices rise in the street. Sweet, joyful, musical voices in lyric Creole. A symphony of hope in a landscape of despair.

"It doesn't mean anything if Satan hates me, because God loves me," sing the women at Jeremy Square, their faces almost invisible in the darkness of this powerless, shattered downtown. "God has already paid my debt."

Haiti is known as a society of devout Christians -- Catholics, Protestants, Methodists, evangelicals -- and followers of voodoo. Faith has long played a powerful role in this impoverished nation, giving hope to the poor and fulfilling social functions that the government is incapable of handling.

But in the days since the earth pitched and rolled here, pulverizing shanties and mansions alike, the religious differences that sometimes separated Haitians have come crashing down.

Port-au-Prince has become a kind of multid denominational , open-air church. Tens of thousands live in the street together, scraping for food and water, sharing their misery and blending their

spirituality.

The women singing together in Jeremy Square might never have worshiped side by side before the disaster, but now their voices harmonize and soar well past 2 in the morning. Lionelle Masse, a stringy woman with a deep, sad voice, lost a child in the quake. She sings next to Rosena Roche, a fiery-eyed Catholic whose husband is buried under tons of rubble.

"I still have faith in God," Roche says. "I want to give glory to God."

Regardless of their faith, countless Haitians have similar questions: Why was I spared? Are we being punished for our sins? Is this a test of faith? What happens in the afterlife?

### **'Not the will of the Lord'**

Seekers stream into the parking lot of the ruined Sacre Coeur Catholic church, a 105-year-old brick gem that was turned into a grim, hollowed-out shell, its stunning stained-glass windows tossed to the ground in shards. There, the Catholics and the Protestants and others seek solace from Father Hans Alexander, a Haitian priest who took his decidedly un-Haitian first name from his German father. He doesn't ask them about their religion; he asks them about their pain.

"Catholics and Protestants and other religions are praying together now," Alexander says, as two tearful women slump over his thick, broad shoulders. "We are saying, 'We love Jesus; we don't care about religions. We just care about the Lord.' " He has tried to teach his followers this lesson for years but did not always succeed in changing the minds of parishioners who thought their religion was better or truer than others. The quake, he says, has done much to convince those he could not.

As it often can be with faith, there are doubts to overcome. Some parishioners want to blame the devil, or take responsibility themselves because they have sinned. Some think God has abandoned them.

"This is not the will of the Lord," Alexander tells the two women, sisters who lost their mother and one of their children, a 1 1/2 -year-old, in the quake. "Don't put this blame on the back of anyone. Don't put it on yourself."

Like almost everyone here, the woe is personal for Alexander, who is wearing sandals, almost as if to defy the dangerous pieces of glass, jagged metal and concrete that litter the sidewalk outside his church and befoul his courtyard. Beneath the broken remnants of his rectory are the bodies of at least 20 church members he must mourn alongside their friends and relatives.

A woman whose relative is now entombed there quietly prays, with arms spread out toward a statue of the Virgin Mary. Some of the grieving have wrestled with guilt about having survived while their loved ones died, but Alexander assures them that "it is not because God loves one person more than another."

Alexander, 40, grew up in this church, first as a vicar and for the past seven months as its principal priest. He is himself pondering basic questions. He has spoken so many times of "original sin," but the quake has led him to what he calls "a discovery," reinforcing his belief that "God created us to be good." The neighbors he sees helping one another -- carting debris, digging for survivors, patching wounds both physical and psychological -- confirmed it for him. That sense of fundamental goodness is what rankles the priests gathered at Sacre Coeur about comments such as those by American televangelist Pat Robertson, who suggested that the earthquake was a punishment for Haitians aligning themselves, at times, with the devil. When Catholic priest Arsene Jasmin heard that, he was enraged. Jasmin, a Haitian who is a priest at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Church in the District, arrived in Port-au-Prince for a visit the day before the earthquake.

"I get mad when I hear that Haiti is somehow being punished," he says. "It's unacceptable and

wrong."

Jasmin gathered Friday night in a nearby building with 100 worshipers for three hours of prayer and song. His friend, Alexander, has no church anymore -- the building that once received 3,000 worshipers for five Sunday services is a wreck. But Alexander says he will celebrate Mass outside a nearby house Sunday anyway, and he expects hundreds, if not thousands, to come.

### **Salvation under the skies**

For others, especially those stuck in place because they have no way to travel around the city, places such as Jeremy Square will be their makeshift churches, as they have been each night. Roche, the Catholic woman who fears her husband is dead, sleeps and worships in the square, squeezed into a row of 25 men, women and children -- one of at least 60 tightly packed rows along the slope pavement of the square.

Just a few steps from Roche's thin, white blanket, Primrose Toussaint, a fervent Pentecostal believer drenched in sweat, waves her arms in the air.

"Even if I die, I die with Jesus," she calls out to no one in particular. "God bless this country. God bless these people."

She has no home, and almost all her meager possessions are gone, but she says, "I don't feel like I am in trouble. Without Jesus, I would be in trouble."

The children sleep while Roche and Toussaint sing in voices fast growing hoarse from hours of hymns. A chorus builds behind them.

"If you believe in God, salvation is sure," the voices sing as one. "Oh God, open the way."

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--- On **Sun, 1/17/10**, **hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

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| 31572|2010-01-24 07:28:17|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News|

"...cruise ship visitors...dual impact....since the 1960s.."

Hi Peter,

Ahhhh, I see now.....I was only talking about the ship staff helping deliver supplies/personnel after the quake, nothing to do with the visitors/tourists. Haiti is/was a tourist spot mainly, so the old/new model will be suspended for quite some time.

I understand the exploitation of the usual "tourism business" is directed toward those with the bigger business, like cab companies or hotels....not the small/tiny business of local street vendors

with stalls. If the cruise line guides were herding the visitors, I would suppose they know the local danger spots so it makes sense to me.

I think your info is better than mine, so I can take your word for it in the long term....I was just remembering the Katrina debacle and how the emergency supply lines were cut, and they were on the mainland....not an island.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 9:48 AM

Thanks for your reply, Sekhmet.

I simply meant that if cruise ship visitors are allowed to mix with the local inhabitants, mostly villagers with small businesses, then there is some trickle-through effect - money gets into their hands. However, the exploitation occurs when visitors are scuttled away from any possible contact with the small man/woman, to see "attractions" and to visit only those businesses that are connected (via commission) with the touring company (mini bus taxi services, trinket sales businesses, etc.) -- it's exploitative because it encourages not only a false interpretation of the country and culture, but promotes a local system of bribery and corruption. I have witnessed this dual impact of cruise ship visitation first-hand in Jamaica since the 1960s. Hope this is clearer.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

CC: aternegy@yahoogroup s.com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 19:19:30 -0800

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News

Hello Peter.....

Caribbean Cruise Lines IS a business; the tours were most likely booked before the quake so I don't know what the procedures are for cancelling a trip so don't take my information too seriously.

Anyhoo, if they are making the trip anyway and dropping off much needed supplies and staff, I don't see a problem with that. "Exploitation" of a tourist trap/site is a problem for whom? Safety concerns I understand, but that is the same thing at any tourist site, whether in Mexico, Egypt or Britain...tourists have money, pickpockets want it. Still, the small business that needs tourist dollars is not really exploitation, but a small business trying to survive on tourist dollars. If I am not understanding your point, please clarify.

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Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010, 5:41 PM

I just responded to another e-mail I received on this subject, explaining the contrast between the old time type of cruise ship visits, when visitors roamed around the local village(s) and spent their \$\$ gathering local cuisine and artwork, and the modern model, wherein they are warned not to stray beyond the path outlined by their "guides" in order to avoid the local dangers (pick-pockets, etc.). If Royal Caribbean intends to have its passengers visit local crafts markets, bars and shops, then some financial benefit will accrue to the local inhabitants, but if they follow the modern model of herding them through pre-ordained visits to selected business contacts, then it's just more of the same old exploitation.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Tue, 19 Jan 2010 14:14:04 -0800

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Cruise ships at Haitian resort creates controversy - Yahoo! News

Maybe I should call this "Travelers not able to see the Big Picture"....

I want to send a "Ta-Ta Yah!!!" to the Royal Caribbean corporate offices for understanding while Port-au Prince is devastated, the rest of Haiti is still up and running and they need to take in fellow Haitians that lost everything, so the tourism jobs are essential at this time. the cruise ships can indeed deliver supplies and personnel that passengers don't even need to see on such a large ship.

This is not a scandal, but a chance for the cruise line to make a humanitarian effort while t



work on the cruise line BUSINESS.... win-win for everyone!!!

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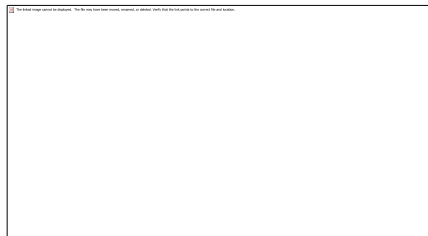
## Royal Caribbean's decision to dock ships at Haitian resort creates controversy



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*AFPOasis of the Seas, the world biggest and most expensive cruise ship ever built arrives from Turku, Finland, 2hrs27minsago*

By now, most of us have seen and heard about the profound devastation and suffering wrought upon Haiti last week after a massive earthquake. So you'd probably think there's no way that cruising tourists could have returned to frolicking on Haiti's beaches mere miles from where people are trapped beneath the rubble of a decimated city. Unfortunately, you'd be wrong.

On Sunday, [the Guardian reported](#) that Florida-based Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines is docking ships at the "picturesque wooded peninsula" known as Labadee, which it leases on Haiti's northern coast. At Labadee, passengers "enjoy jetski rides, parasailing, and rum cocktails delivered to their hammocks." [The British paper also reported](#) that passengers can spend their time "shopping for trinkets at a craft market" while armed guards stand at the entry to the complex to guarantee their safety.

Despite the fact that the ships [have delivered relief supplies](#) to the island, some passengers on the ships are reportedly "sickened" over the decision to dock there. One passenger took to an Internet message board to protest the idea of vacationing where "tens of thousands of dead people are being piled up on the streets, with the survivors stunned and looking for food and water."

When Royal Caribbean [announced its decision](#) to resume stops at Labadee last week, a company executive cited the economic importance of the resort to the local citizens as well as the opportunity to deliver much-needed supplies.

"We also have tremendous opportunities to use our ships as transport vessels for relief supplies and personnel to Haiti," said associate vice president John Weis. "Simply put, we cannot abandon Haiti now that they need us most."

Still, Royal Caribbean, which recently raised eyebrows when it announced that it's [organizing a "cougar cruise"](#) for older single women, has been catching heat from all corners on their decision, prompting company CEO Adam Goldstein to post a defense of the company on their website. Saying that he is "proud of what our people and our ships are doing," [Goldstein writes](#):

*The ships going back to Labadee, including Navigator of the Seas today, are obviously making a very valuable contribution to the relief effort by offloading supplies at Labadee. The media understand this and generally have written and spoken about the relief effort in positive terms. But in the last 24 hours, sparked by an article in the Guardian in the UK, a different and more critical view has emerged that questions how our guests can justify having a good time in Labadee when there is such misery less than 100 miles away.*

*My view is this - it isn't better to replace a visit to Labadee (or for that matter, to stay on the ship while it's docked in Labadee) with a visit to another destination for a vacation. Why? Because being on the island and generating economic activity for the straw market vendors, the hair-braiders and our 230 employees helps with relief while being somewhere else does not help. These 500 people are going to need to support a much larger network of family and friends, including many who are in (or are missing in) the earthquake zone. Also, the north is going to bear a good part of the burden of the agony of the south, and the more economic support there is to the north, the better able the north will be to bear this burden. People enjoying themselves is what we do. People enjoying themselves in Labadee helps with relief. We support our guests who choose to*

|| *help in this way which is consistent with our nearly 30 year history in Haiti.*

- Brett Michael Dykes is a contributor to the Yahoo! News blog =====  
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I sent a couple of articles about some complaining about the military being sent AT ALL, yet they have the best equipment and personnel to handle such an emergency from day one logistically speaking. I saw a military chopper dropping water on day one, and I understand the mad rush to get some water bottles by individuals...that was human nature, I have no problems/complaints.

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To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 9:21 AM

One thing the "talking heads" are correct about is that immediate relief supplies [bottled water, meals-ready- to-eat, or MREs,

medical supplies, etc.] could/can be most rapidly deployed via helicopter, and that the excuse that the airport's limited operability/ capacity is obstructing the aid effort is just that -- an excuse.

Peter

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From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 09:38:26 -0800

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

Well ..... now I am really confused. First the talking heads and rumor mongers complain about the military being in Haiti, then - in the next breath it seems - they complain about the military not supplying their needs efficiently and quickly, so they want to make the Air Force do water drops/medical supplies where the talking heads and rumor mongers tell them? Fine; now what individual(s) is leading this direction of Air Force drops, since the only airport in Haiti is still in ruins?

And one other thing....why do the talking heads and rumor mongers want to bring up Latin American military issues from the past couple of years, when the emergency now is clearly water and food distribution TODAY in Haiti? Am I missing something here?

Sekhmet

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## Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

**The US has never wanted Haitian self-rule, and its focus on 'security concerns' has hampered the earthquake aid response**

by Mark Weisbrot

On Monday, six days after the earthquake in Haiti, the US Southern Command finally began to [drop bottled water and food](#) from an air force C-17. US defence secretary Robert Gates had previously rejected such a method because of "security concerns".

If people do not [get clean water](#), there could be epidemics of water-borne diseases that could greatly increase the death toll. But the US is now sending 10,000 troops and seems to be prioritising "security" over much more urgent, life-and-death needs. This in addition to the increase of 3,500 UN troops scheduled to arrive.

On Sunday morning the world-renowned humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders complained that a plane carrying its portable hospital unit was [re-routed by the US military through the Dominican Republic](#). This would cost a crucial 48 hours and an unknown number of lives.

On Sunday, [Jarry Emmanuel](#), air logistics officer for the UN's World Food Programme, said: "There are 200 flights going in and out every day, which is an incredible amount for a country like Haiti ... But most flights are for the US military."

Yet Lieutenant General PK Keen, deputy commander of the US Southern Command, reports that there is [less violence in Haiti now than there was before the earthquake hit](#). Dr Evan Lyon, of Partners in Health, a medical aid group famous for its heroic efforts in Haiti, referred to "[misinformation and rumours ... and racism](#)" concerning security issues.

We've been circulating throughout the city until 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning every night, evacuating patients, moving materials. There's no UN guards. There's no US military presence. There's no Haitian police presence. And there's also no violence. There is no insecurity.

To understand the US government's obsession with "security concerns," we must look at the recent history of Washington's involvement there.

Long before the earthquake, Haiti's plight has been comparable to that of many homeless people on city streets in the US: too poor and too black to have the same effective constitutional and legal rights as other citizens. In 2002, when a [US-backed military coup](#) temporarily toppled the elected government of Venezuela, most governments in the hemisphere responded quickly and helped force the return of democratic rule. But two years later, when Haiti's democratically elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was kidnapped by the US and [flown to exile in Africa](#), the response was muted.

Unlike the two centuries of looting and pillage of Haiti since its founding by a slave revolt in 1804, the brutal occupation by US marines from 1915 to 1934, the countless atrocities under dictatorships aided and abetted by Washington, the 2004 coup cannot be dismissed as "ancient history." It was just six years ago, and it is directly relevant to what is happening there now.

The US, together with Canada and France, conspired openly for four years to topple Haiti's elected government, cutting off almost all international aid in order to destroy the economy and make the country ungovernable. They succeeded. For those who wonder why there are no Haitian government institutions to help with the earthquake relief efforts, this is a big reason. Or why there are 3 million people crowded into the area where the earthquake hit. US policy over the years also helped destroy Haitian agriculture, for example, by forcing the import of subsidised US rice and wiping out thousands of Haitian rice farmers.

Aristide, the country's first democratically elected president, was overthrown after just seven months in 1991, by military officers and death squads later discovered to be in the pay of the CIA. Now Aristide wants to [return to his country](#), something that the

majority of Haitians have demanded since his overthrow. But the US does not want him there. And the Renouveau government, which is completely beholden to Washington, has decided that Aristide's party - the largest in Haiti - will [not be allowed to compete](#) in the next elections (originally scheduled for next month).

Washington's fear of democracy in Haiti may explain why the US is now sending 10,000 troops and prioritising "security" over other needs.

This military occupation by US troops will raise other concerns in the hemisphere, depending on how long they stay - just as the recent [expansion of the US military presence in Colombia](#) has been met with considerable discontent and distrust in the region. And non-governmental organisations have raised other issues about the proposed reconstruction: understandably they want Haiti's remaining debt cancelled, and grants rather than loans (the IMF has proposed a \$100m dollar loan).

Reconstruction needs will be in the billions of dollars: will Washington encourage the establishment of a functioning government? Or will it prevent that, channelling aid through NGOs and taking over various functions itself, because of its long-standing opposition to Haitian self-rule?

But most urgently, there is a need for rapid delivery of water. The US air force has the capability to deliver enough water for everyone who needs it in Haiti, until ground supply chains can be established. The more water is available, the less likely there is to be fighting or rioting over this scarce resource. Food and medical supplies could also be supplied through air drops. These operations should be ramped up, immediately. There is no time to lose.

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| 31574|2010-01-24 07:28:52|sekhmet Johnson|Re: IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS|

"...indeed the first black one..(in the West)...."

Hello Peter,

I felt he was more nervous in front of the camera as he had lost some cousins, although his siblings survived the quake he is in the USA for schooling, and I wish him the best during this trying time. I was in error to judge his knowledge of history of Africans and the Diaspora at this trying time.

Please clarify "teaching material of academic calibre" at least for the USA, as we are hurting for accurate African historical knowledge also. Obadele passed recently, as did Van Sertima and others with a bunch of information that somehow never reaches the masses of black people, as we are led to believe we have no "history" at all worth preserving. I know about Runoko Rashidi because I made it my mission in life to research Africans and the African Diaspora....since we are the "invisible people" with nothing to offer any culture except what we were told by others to "accept" as true.

Sekhmet - BTW, I send a "personal email" only because of the forum delay in posting replies; if it is problematic, just let me know - no problem.

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Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 12:38 PM

Well, we certainly need to have black history taught to our children, period. And to ensure that the teaching material is of academic calibre (accurate, peer-reviewed). Ofcourse, Haiti was the second independent republic in the West, but indeed the first black one, though the Haitian youngster was wrong to say it was the first independent black "nation".

Peter

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Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 10:14:51 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail.com; tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo.com

"...Dessalines was prompted to slaughter all the whites in Haiti..."

Hello Peter,

that may be the reason blacks are kept "weaponless" in modern times....ROTFL!!!

I am not that familiar with the particulars of Haitian history, but when I watched the TV program last night, I was struck by a young Haitian that said Haiti was "the first black independent nation in history".

If that is really what the young Black Diasporans are being taught, we as a people have failed as educators/teachers of our own history. We need to open up our schools to more BLACK HISTORIANS that teach the truth of black history, and not the "westernized/easternized versions"...after all, we are the Original People of the earth, in spite of the B S children are taught in school,, church or mosque today.

Sekhmet

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To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:41 AM

Also remember how Napoleon deliberately killed Toussaint at Fort de Jour ... by depriving him of firewood and clothing (even his personal watch) so that he (Toussaint) eventually succumbed to fever on April 17, 1803. When the Haitian armies found out, Dessalines was prompted to slaughter all the whites in Haiti, and removed the white from the French tricolor -- which is why the Haitian flag today is just red and blue.

Peter

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To: hebrew@erols. com; Runoko@yahoo. com

CC: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 14:04:52 -0800

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"...myth of the liberal French!"

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I don't want to take Napoleon's quote out of context too much, but given the time he was alive and messing around in Haiti (and don't forget the bozo also went to Egypt with his worldview about blacks) and his personal views at that time, but he was certainly speaking the language and sentiments of his fellowmen... globally and throughout history apparently. But I may be biased (((chuckle))) in my opinion of history and how blacks were perceived.

I think the French are as "liberal" as others....they just aim it at their own first, which is not a problem for me. A "street philosopher" taught me that - It's a po' dog that can't wag his own tail.....other's in the Diaspora should keep that in mind when they send their black martyrs to the West to create chaos. Our ancestors were not "invited" to relocate to the Americas or Haiti or Europe.

Runoko wrote an article about the presence of blacks in Germany and Russia...and you could have knocked me over with a feather when I read it!!! Guess that "Black Russian" thing is real after all.....ROTFL! !!!

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Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 2:25 PM



You are more than welcomed! So much for the myth of the liberal FRENCH!

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahooogroups .com  
**Cc:** hebrew ; Runoko@yahoo. com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Fri, January 22, 2010 3:20:44 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"....the need to block forever the march of the blacks in the world...."

Whoooo-boyee, unbelievable the "quotes" some people think are historically valid, but wibiting you in the butt later....ROTFL! !!!

"No", I don't think it is "humorous" in the least, but it certainly puts the push for global "relations" into perspective IMNSHO. The man said "...march of the **blacks in the world...**" of puts a kabosh on any future dreams of freedom, hope and justice from the start **if** you had to be born black - West, East or anywhere else on the planet.

Sheesh, and I thought I was "seeing things from the biased perspective" of a member of the African Diaspora. Thanks for finding this Hebrew....and you too Rashidi.

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--Napoleon Bonaparte

Today R' Ak Runoko [Thank you]

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"...thank God we have Obama now..."

Blessed be...

the offspring of the African Diaspora is the Commander and Chief....let's be "real" about his white mother; white folks and I still adhere to the "one drop rule"; and he is one of the Diaspora's "Black Princes"....and FINE too...Rotfll!!! (It is no "secret" I like Obama and respect Michelle and their marriage, thus NOT a threat in any way shape or form....but, if...God forbid...anything happened to Michelle...Baaaaby. I will TRY for the POTUS like every other female, black, white and Jap-Talian. Barack KNOW he is a good looking man;....in spite of his "race" and political position...and intelligent TOO? Sheesh....no "contest"....I'd go for it.

Anyhoo...(((fanning myself))) the military is best equipped to handle natural emergencies IF their government/political leaders will SHUT THE HECK UP and let their military leaders display their "humanitarian" side; and I am talking about ALL sides.

They are trained and ready to handle any emergency usually, and that includes humanitarian missions without firing a single shot. They are trained to kill, but they were born of woman and thrust to LOVE.

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To: "Sekhmet Johnson"

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 7:57 PM

The damaged/dysfunctional control tower was one of the first priorities of the American military, and a mobile one was put in place within a couple of days. That's why I said there was no excuse for failing to distribute the aid more rapidly and effectively.

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Peter

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--- On Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 9:21 AM

One thing the "talking heads" are correct about is that immediate relief supplies [bottled water, meals-ready- to-eat, or MREs, medical supplies, etc.] could/can be most rapidly deployed via helicopter, and that the excuse that the airport's limited operability/ capacity is obstructing the aid effort is just that -- an excuse.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

CC: tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@ yahoo. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com

From: pookynem2@ yahoo. com

Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 09:38:26 -0800

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

Well ..... now I am really confused. First the talking heads and rumor mongers complain about the military being in Haiti, then - in the next breath it seems - they complain about the military not supplying their needs efficiently and quickly, so they want to make the Air Force do water drops/medical supplies where the talking heads and rumor mongers tell them? Fine; now what individual(s) is leading this direction of Air Force drops, since the only airport in Haiti is still in ruins?

And one other thing....why do the talking heads and rumor mongers want to bring up Latin American military issues from the past couple of years, when the emergency now is clearly water and food distribution TODAY in Haiti? Am I missing something here?

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## Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

**The US has never wanted Haitian self-rule, and its focus on 'security concerns' has hampered the earthquake aid response**

by Mark Weisbrot

On Monday, six days after the earthquake in Haiti, the US Southern Command finally began to [drop bottled water and food](#) from an air force C-17. US defence secretary Robert Gates had previously rejected such a method because of "security concerns". If people do not [get clean water](#), there could be epidemics of water-borne diseases that could greatly increase the death toll. But the US is now sending 10,000 troops and seems to be prioritising "security" over much more urgent, life-and-death needs. This in addition to the increase of 3,500 UN troops scheduled to arrive.

On Sunday morning the world-renowned humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders complained that a plane carrying its portable hospital unit was [re-routed by the US military through the Dominican Republic](#). This would cost a crucial 48 hours and an unknown number of lives.

On Sunday, [Jarry Emmanuel](#), air logistics officer for the UN's World Food Programme, said: "There are 200 flights going in and out every day, which is an incredible amount for a country like Haiti ... But most flights are for the US military."

Yet Lieutenant General PK Keen, deputy commander of the US Southern Command, reports that there is [less violence in Haiti now than there was before the earthquake hit](#). Dr Evan Lyon, of Partners in Health, a medical aid group famous for its heroic efforts in Haiti, referred to "[misinformation and rumours ... and racism](#)" concerning security issues.

We've been circulating throughout the city until 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning every night, evacuating patients, moving materials. There's no UN guards. There's no US military presence. There's no Haitian police presence. And there's also no violence. There is no insecurity.

To understand the US government's obsession with "security concerns," we must look at the recent history of Washington's involvement there.

Long before the earthquake, Haiti's plight has been comparable to that of many homeless people on city streets in the US: too poor and too black to have the same effective constitutional and legal rights as other citizens. In 2002, when a [US-backed](#)

[military coup](#) temporarily toppled the elected government of Venezuela, most governments in the hemisphere responded quickly and helped force the return of democratic rule. But two years later, when Haiti's democratically elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was kidnapped by the US and [flown to exile in Africa](#), the response was muted.

Unlike the two centuries of looting and pillage of Haiti since its founding by a slave revolt in 1804, the brutal occupation by US marines from 1915 to 1934, the countless atrocities under dictatorships aided and abetted by Washington, the 2004 coup cannot be dismissed as "ancient history." It was just six years ago, and it is directly relevant to what is happening there now.

The US, together with Canada and France, conspired openly for four years to topple Haiti's elected government, cutting off almost all international aid in order to destroy the economy and make the country ungovernable. They succeeded. For those who wonder why there are no Haitian government institutions to help with the earthquake relief efforts, this is a big reason. Or why there are 3 million people crowded into the area where the earthquake hit. US policy over the years also helped destroy Haitian agriculture, for example, by forcing the import of subsidised US rice and wiping out thousands of Haitian rice farmers.

Aristide, the country's first democratically elected president, was overthrown after just seven months in 1991, by military officers and death squads later discovered to be in the pay of the CIA. Now Aristide wants to [return to his country](#), something that the majority of Haitians have demanded since his overthrow. But the US does not want him there. And the [Renouveau](#) government, which is completely beholden to Washington, has decided that Aristide's party - the largest in Haiti - will [not be allowed to compete](#) in the next elections (originally scheduled for next month).

Washington's fear of democracy in Haiti may explain why the US is now sending 10,000 troops and prioritising "security" over other needs.

This military occupation by US troops will raise other concerns in the hemisphere, depending on how long they stay - just as the recent [expansion of the US military presence in Colombia](#) has been met with considerable discontent and distrust in the region. And non-governmental organisations have raised other issues about the proposed reconstruction: understandably they want Haiti's remaining debt cancelled, and grants rather than loans (the IMF has proposed a \$100m dollar loan).

Reconstruction needs will be in the billions of dollars: will Washington encourage the establishment of a functioning government? Or will it prevent that, channelling aid through NGOs and taking over various functions itself, because of its long-standing opposition to Haitian self-rule?

But most urgently, there is a need for rapid delivery of water. The US air force has the capability to deliver enough water for everyone who needs it in Haiti, until ground supply chains can be established. The more water is available, the less likely there is to be fighting or rioting over this scarce resource. Food and medical supplies could also be supplied through air drops. These operations should be ramped up, immediately. There is no time to lose.

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| 31576|2010-01-24 07:28:56|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Scott Baio Rips Michelle Obama|

"...why would you even make those kinds of comments?...."

Hello Wiselady,

(I was taking a break from the horrors in Haiti when I stumbled on this article...LOL!!!)

I think Baio got "bored" on his blog site, and picked a lone bad pic of Michelle to send with some idjut comment and got death threats because of it...ROTFL!!! It always come down to "race" I suppose, but I ain't goin to his blog site to find out who called him a racist since he got the FBI involved.

If I remember correctly, some cyber-nitwit did the same thing about some pic of Hilton and a couple of other femalecelebrities. They have some serious fans I suppose, that don't want anyone bad-mouthing them on the Web. P C etiquette I guess.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Li (wiseladyowl)** wrote:

From: Li (wiseladyowl)

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Scott Baio Rips Michelle Obama

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 11:56 AM

hmmm....and posting a pic of his wife's One black friend makes us believe you meant no harm how?? LOL this is rediculous, what an idiot now why would you even make those kinds of comments? Funny how he wants protection because ppl love to hate, is he not hating on Obama and his wife???

--- On **Fri, 1/22/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Scott Baio Rips Michelle Obama

To: "Ta-Seti"

Cc: tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com, "hebrew"

Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 7:36 PM

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Subject: Scott Baio attacked with death threats after posting unflattering photo of Michelle Obama



Message from sender: Sheesh.....He picks the worst pic of a beautiful woman and wonders why he got threatened? Can we say Bozo?

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[Scott Baio attacked with death threats after posting unflattering photo of Michelle Obama](#)

## Scott Baio attacked with death threats after posting unflattering photo of Michelle Obama on Twitter

BY [Rich Schapiro](#)

DAILY NEWS STAFF WRITER Thursday, January 21st 2010, 3:20 PM



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Scott Baio is under fire for mocking First Lady Michelle Obama on Twitter.



Twitpic.com

'WOW He wakes up to this every morning,' Baio wrote alongside a photo of the First Lady.

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Ex-"Happy Days" star [Scott Baio](#) says he's received a barrage of death threats after he mocked [Michelle Obama](#) on [Twitter](#).

Baio, 48, posted an unflattering picture of the First Lady on Tuesday accompanied by some even more unflattering remarks.

"WOW He wakes up to this every morning," Baio tweeted.

In minutes, the former "[Charles in Charge](#)" star received a slew of angry comments.

Some were on the playful side: "Well she's still better looking than your doughy looking a--."

Others were downright frightening.

"Easy to find your house Scottie boy and finish YOU," one person wrote. "I am a republican and I love Mrs O."

Baio backtracked immediately, saying he's not a racist. His wife's best friend is black.

The reality TV star and vocal Republican even posted a picture of the woman and implored his detractors to back off.

"For New followers: I POST A LOT OF JOKES WITH PICS," Baio wrote. "They are JUST that, a joke. NOT targeting anyone. Laughter IS the best medicine."

The brouhaha prompted Baio to contact the [FBI](#) and scores of people to begin following him on [Twitter](#).

"Because people love to hate," Baio said.

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Read more: <http://www.nydailynews.com/gossip/2010/01/21/2010-01-21-scott-baio-attacked-with-death-threats-after-posting-unflattering-photo-of-miche.html#ixzz0dOFdwOWg>

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| 31577|2010-01-24 07:29:41|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Peter/Polyandry, jungle style....|

"...a trivial response....I suggest the Amazon."

Ooookay, Peter....but I don't like the "jungle" anyway.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/Polyandry, jungle style....  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 11:48 AM

"The jungle version of domestic abuse" is a trivial response. I was merely trying to illustrate a real world example of how gender imbalance can bring about the kind of violence we were discussing. (BTW, I suggest the Amazon).

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Sat, 16 Jan 2010 17:47:48 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/Polyandry, jungle style....

"...Younger men seek to attract ....'married women'..."

Peter hold on while I ROTFL!!!

The jungle version of "domestic abuse"....sheesh, and they have really big knives to cut the jungle brush with. Now where should I go....Nepal of the Amazon? (Just kidding...ROTFL! !)  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/16/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010, 6:29 PM

Sekhmet,

There is the interesting case in the Brazilian rainforest (Amazon) of the Yanomahi (??), in which population the shortage of males (through natural genetics only) has brought about a high incidence of wifebeating and male-vs-male violence due to suspected infidelity. Younger men seek to attract (and often succeed in getting) "married women", causing suspicious "married men" into

conflict with the younger unmarried men.

This is the same society that National Geographic has portrayed as an idyllic jungle tribe.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 11:00:40 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Hebrew/polygamy

"...due to the shortage of women..."

Interesting Hebrew, China I know has a shortage of women because of their one child law the killing of infant girls because they favor boy births...I ain't figured that one out yet. The countries you mentioned has a shortage of women because..... ?

If you know of a link or article please let me know what it is. Besides natural disasters of s sort, I can't think of any reason(s) why the would have a woman shortage, but polygamy is the answer IMO, because it would appear to deprive other men of getting a wife since there are more men than women.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/15/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 9:23 AM

polygamy is common practice in Nepal, parts of China, Tibet, Bhutan, & other countries around there due to the shortage of women.

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**From:** Peter Gray  
**To:** Marc Washington  
**Sent:** Fri, January 15, 2010 10:07:54 AM  
**Subject:** RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

Let me respond to your last question, Sekhmet:

I have no problem with any woman who decides to have (and maintain) any number of husbands (even if I decided to be one, which I might not), as long as

others don't presume to judge the moral fiber of either the woman or her various husbands. One should assess the value of the specific relationship by observing how harmonious it is or is not.

I don't pretend there wouldn't be difficulties being one of four husbands, but it's not for anyone else to apply their moral judgement. If the husbands decide that there are 7 days in a week, so they can work things out, then so be it. But again, if the only motive were financial wealth or security, I would agree with Tafari that that is the wrong motive.

Peter

PS. The author, Chimamanda Adichie, has a very good video on Youtube, but you do need the audio input to hear her in her own words.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 10:22:36 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"Roll On The Floor Laughing"... not ignorance Peter, new on-line, Geek Speak...no problem. There are variations on the "emotions" or behaviors people commonly employ in "FTF = I To Face" conversations in the RW = Real World. If I use any others you don't understand, know....no problem.

As for Nigerians or some West Africans engaging in polygamy as a cultural norm, and not trying to become "Westernized" and condemning it.....that is due to their indigenous religion being slowly eroded by conversion to Christianity. Or, their lack of finances to afford a polygamous lifestyle.

I believe that East Africans are predominantly Islamic in modern times, so they too will consider polygamy a cultural norm and treat women as "air head", second class citizens to boot.

Thanks for the book titles, I will try to read a literary critique on-line unless you want to do for me....no way I can afford to purchase more books at this time.

Now, Peter....do you want to discuss the benefits of multiple husbands and why men avoid the topic.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Thu, 1/14/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Thursday, January 14, 2010, 8:34 AM

Yes polygamy is still considered "normal" in many parts of West Africa (e.g., Nigeria), in the sense that it is a common practice. Check out these books from the Nigerian author, Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie: *Half of a Yellow Sun* [set in the time of the Biafran War, 1967-70]; and *Purple Hibiscus*.

Nowadays, it is considered politically correct to condemn the practice, largely because of patronizing Western liberal thinking. I do believe that Africans themselves will come to reject and abandon it as they attempt to modernize, i.e. Westernize, and I suspect the driving force for that change will be the limited ability of the MALE to afford it.

Forgive my ignorance, but what is ROTFL?  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Wed, 13 Jan 2010 10:23:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Peter/polygamy

"...Western' women....did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal..."  
Pete, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

What practice is considered "normal" for the culture? Polygamy is a relatively NEW social practice depending on religious practices and dogma. The ancients didn't consider this normal except for those in the ruling class; average people didn't have more than one spouse usually unless a catastrophe happened where the majority of men were eliminated for some reason(s). Even then it was rare for the average man to have more than one wife recognized by the community. If it is about female genital mutilation... well, that was an individual tribal "norm" and not an African practice by any stretch of the imagination. It may sound to males like a good thing if some elder woman says it is so, but young women have routinely denounced the practice for decades. They have left villages that practice it as a social "norm" for women, because it is not normal....unless of course they start chopping off the penis head of men to keep things balanced. "...don't be so arrogant to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground." Peter....are you kidding me?

Only MALES benefit from polygamy, no demonizing or moral high ground to consider. Women can live together, without sexual relations, and get the exact same positive reinforcements: protection, child rearing and monetary gains without a male presence or any male input of any kind....except maybe teaching young boys how to pee while standing up, I will opt for a matriarchal society with multiple husbands. Less friction that way.

Sekhmet

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--- On Tue, 1/12/10, Peter Gray wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, January 12, 2010, 7:18 PM

You mean most "**Western**" women "are not, plain and simple", simply because they did not grow up in a culture that accepts the practice as normal. Ironically, the biggest proponents of female genital mutilation [FGM] are female elders, who regard FGM as their cultural duty/responsibility and feel deprived if it is not sustained. And one of the reasons Thomas Sankara of Burkina Faso (formerly Upper Volta) was assassinated a couple of decades ago (?) was his intention to outlaw the practice there. These issues are more complex than meets the eye, and I can only suggest that you make an attempt to meet some polygamous families (preferably several) to evaluate the extent to which polygamy is in fact inherently abusive to women. I agree with you that there is generally a perceived monetary/security gain on the part of women (i.e., wives) who are part of a multi-wife family, but don't be so arrogant as to demonize the practice on the basis of your own moral high ground. And I also agree that a minority of harmonious polygamous families cannot justify the totality of the practice.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ [yahoo.com](http://yahoo.com)  
Date: Tue, 12 Jan 2010 03:49:57 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

YOU are all for it, most women are not plain and simple and if they go along with the sake of keeping their man not because they feel they have a choice.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:24 PM

Sorry to disagree, but I'm all for polygamy -- sue me!

Besides, it's really just a popular Western misconception that the system equates to woman. Many polygamous relationships are in fact quite harmonious, even though hell out of moralists.

Peter

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 10 Jan 2010 12:17:07 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

I have to agree, do unto others as you would have them to unto you is a universal anyone could understand. Too many problems are caused by this practice as well we are still human no matter what any religious,spiritual , cultural system may apply  
Peace and light

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 5:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though marriage time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship is between the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

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| 31578|2010-01-24 07:29:41|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Agola, I walked with GIANTS....|

"jus keepin you honest..."

Hmmm, interesting...like I NEED some youngster "checkin me" for sincerity. BTW, ...who "checks" you and your "credentials" Agola?

I am an "elder" I think, but of course, I must need a Male to verify that and say that I am "alright" and not a "Sarah Sausage Head" even though I am approaching "elder FEMALE" status, which is still less than an elder male status.

Nothing personal.....but you can't "keep me honest", or anyone else for that matter.

If you can find where I have been dishonest on the WWW, please point it out so we can discuss it and come to some clarification. I do not want or need your "approval"....again, that ain't "personal" because I walked with GIANTS when I was younger and they taught me well....."sugar".

Sekhmet



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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Agola Kisira** wrote:

From: Agola Kisira  
Subject: Re: Agola/THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES - The hate and the quake - READ THIS  
To: "sekhmet Johnson"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 8:50 PM

jus' keepin' you honest sugar

peace & love

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Agola Kisira ; Ta-Seti  
**Cc:** tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com; hebrew ; peter  
**Sent:** Sat, 23 January, 2010 20:17:40  
**Subject:** Re: Agola/THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES - The hate and the quake - READ THIS

"...give this as much prominence as the 'fake' timeline of Haitian history..."

Hello Agola,

I am not clear on what you mean by "give as much prominence". I don't own/moderate a blog/media site so giving prominence to someone else's article is not up to me; neither is determining who or what information is "fake" or not without much research of my own. Please clarify what is the "fake timeline" you are referring to....thanks. I am forwarding articles to the forums that I belong to, WITHOUT the author's permission mind you, so if the info is incorrect, please correct it for me- and any others reading the posts.....no problem with me. Perhaps some of the different forums that people are on get mixed up somehow, but that may be more a matter of Internet hacker crap than me giving one article "prominence" or not.

"Why do we hate our own glorious BLACK history?"

If you are including me in that hating black history thing/statement....please don't. I have researched African history for decades, and prefer the information that comes from other Africans or members of the Black Diaspora without some negative, hidden personal agenda or DISinformation along religious or genderlines.....been there, done that, most unpleasant IMO. I am not Haitian, so any historical information you can share is fine with me.

If you are referring to someone else hating black history....well, I assume adults can think for themselves and choose whom they want to follow and emulate as a sort of "life coach". I prefer that approach in my personal and professional life, or the axiom..."You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink" approach.

I know of some people that hate their own people, and I often question what made them like that but I don't waste my personal energy trying to change their minds....btw, they are not all black people, in case some white folks are reading these forum posts...LOL!!! Yep; they have "knuckleheads" in the whiterace also.....ROTFL!!!  
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Subject: Fw: THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES - The hate and the quake -  
READ THIS  
To: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 1:08 PM

Why won't you give this as much prominence as the 'fake' timeline of Haitian history?  
Why do we hate our own glorious BLACK history???

This article was written by a real historian of the North Atlantic/West Indies, and Vice  
Chancellor of the University of the West Indies.

### **The Hate and the Quake**

Published on: 17th January 2010 by Sir Hilary Beckles

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES is in the process of conceiving how best to deliver a major conference on the theme Rethinking And Rebuilding Haiti. I am very keen to provide an input into this exercise because for too long there has been a popular perception that somehow the Haitian nation-building project, launched on January 1, 1804, has failed on account of mismanagement, ineptitude and corruption.

Buried beneath the rubble of imperial propaganda, out of both Western Europe and the United States, is the evidence which shows that Haiti's independence was defeated by an aggressive North-Atlantic alliance that could not imagine their world inhabited by a free regime of Africans as representatives of the newly emerging democracy.

The evidence is striking, especially in the context of France.

The Haitians fought for their freedom and won, as did the Americans fifty years earlier. The Americans declared their independence and crafted an extraordinary constitution that set out a clear message about the value of humanity and the right to freedom, justice, and liberty.

In the midst of this brilliant discourse, they chose to retain slavery as the basis of the new nation state. The founding fathers therefore could not see beyond race, as the free state was built on a slavery foundation.

The water was poisoned in the well; the Americans went back to the battlefield a century later to resolve the fact that slavery and freedom could not comfortably co-exist in the same place.

The French, also, declared freedom, fraternity and equality as the new philosophies of their national transformation and gave the modern world a tremendous progressive boost by so doing.

They abolished slavery, but Napoleon Bonaparte could not imagine the republic without slavery and targeted the Haitians for a new, more intense regime of slavery. The British agreed, as did the Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese.

All were linked in communion over the 500 000 Blacks in Haiti, the most populous and prosperous Caribbean colony.

As the jewel of the Caribbean, they all wanted to get their hands on it. With a massive slave base, the English, French and Dutch salivated over owning it - and the people.

The people won a ten-year war, the bloodiest in modern history, and declared their independence. Every other country in the Americas was based on slavery.

Haiti was freedom, and proceeded to place in its 1805 Independence Constitution that any person of African descent who arrived on its shores would be declared free, and a citizen of the republic.

For the first time since slavery had commenced, Blacks were the subjects of mass freedom and citizenship in a nation.

The French refused to recognise Haiti's independence and declared it an illegal pariah state. The Americans, whom the Haitians looked to in solidarity as their mentor in independence, refused to recognise them, and offered solidarity instead to the French. The British, who were negotiating with the French to obtain the ownership title to Haiti, also moved in solidarity, as did every other nation-state the Western world.

Haiti was isolated at birth - ostracised and denied access to world trade, finance, and institutional development. It was the most vicious example of national strangulation recorded in modern history.

The Cubans, at least, have had Russia, China, and Vietnam. The Haitians were alone from inception. The crumbling began.

Then came 1825; the moment of full truth. The republic is celebrating its 21st anniversary. There is national euphoria in the streets of Port-au-Prince.

The economy is bankrupt; the political leadership isolated. The cabinet took the decision that the state of affairs could not continue.

The country had to find a way to be inserted back into the world economy. The French government was invited to a summit.

Officials arrived and told the Haitian government that they were willing to recognise the country as a sovereign nation but it would have to pay compensation and reparation in exchange. The Haitians, with backs to the wall, agreed to pay the French.

The French government sent a team of accountants and actuaries into Haiti in order to place a value on all lands, all physical assets, the 500 000 citizens were who formerly enslaved, animals, and all other commercial properties and services.

The sums amounted to 150 million gold francs. Haiti was told to pay this reparation to France in return for national recognition.

The Haitian government agreed; payments began immediately. Members of the Cabinet were also valued because they had been enslaved people before independence.

Thus began the systematic destruction of the Republic of Haiti. The French government bled the nation and rendered it a failed state. It was a merciless exploitation that was designed and guaranteed to collapse the Haitian economy and society..

Haiti was forced to pay this sum until 1922 when the last instalment was made.

During the long 19th century, the payment to France amounted to up to 70 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

Jamaica today pays up to 70 per cent in order to service its international and domestic debt. Haiti was crushed by this debt payment. It descended into financial and social chaos.

The republic did not stand a chance. France was enriched and it took pleasure from the fact that having been defeated by Haitians on the battlefield, it had won on the field of finance. In the years when the coffee crops failed, or the sugar yield was down, the Haitian government borrowed on the French money market at double the going interest rate in order to repay the French government.

When the Americans invaded the country in the early 20th century, one of the reasons offered was to assist the French in collecting its reparations.

The collapse of the Haitian nation resides at the feet of France and America, especially. These two nations betrayed, failed, and destroyed the dream that was Haiti; crushed to dust in an effort to destroy the flower of freedom and the seed of justice.

Haiti did not fail. **It was destroyed by two of the most powerful nations on earth,** both of which continue to have a primary interest in its current condition.

The sudden quake has come in the aftermath of summers of hate. In many ways the quake has been less destructive than the hate.

Human life was snuffed out by the quake, while the hate has been a long and inhumane suffocation - a crime against humanity.

During the 2001 UN Conference on Race in Durban, South Africa, strong representation was made to the French government to repay the 150 million francs. The value of this amount was estimated by financial actuaries as US\$21 billion. This sum of capital could rebuild Haiti and place it in a position to re-engage the modern world. It was illegally extracted from the Haitian people and should be repaid.

It is stolen wealth. In so doing, France could discharge its moral obligation to the Haitian people.

For a nation that prides itself in the celebration of modern diplomacy, France, in order to exist with the moral authority of this diplomacy in this post-modern world, should do the just and legal thing.

Such an act at the outset of this century would open the door for a sophisticated interface of past and present, and set the Haitian nation free at last.

I Sir Hilary Beckles is pro-vice-chancellor and Principal of the Cave Hill Campus, UWI.

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| 31579|2010-01-24 07:29:53|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti: A Historical Timeline|  
"...orchestrated by the U.S..."

Alright Peter,

but please note, I didn't write the article....just forwarded it to the forum. I have other articles about predominantly black countries that are....ahem...sometimes "embarrassing" with their content. I also have some that make me proud to be a member of the Black Diaspora, in spite of the blocks to our progress as a people.

I will flag this post to research "Black Jacobins" a little later.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti: A Historical Timeline  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 9:11 AM

Thanks for that chronology of Haitian history, Sekhmet. Again I recommend reading C.  
L.R. James' *Black Jacobins*.

It should also be added as a footnote that Papa Doc Duvalier's "election" in 1937 was  
orchestrated by the US.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 12:29:50 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti: A Historical Timeline

This should probably go under the thread of "Why is Haiti so poor?" since folks are apparently  
"stuck" blaming Dubya, Daddy Dubya, the CIA or the French for the last couple of decades of  
poverty. I personally, don't know the particulars. ...and there are many...but once Haiti gained  
their indepence, it appears that some of their "homegrown whackjobs" liked the usual way of  
governance of a country, meaning only a handful were "elite" while the vast majority were  
dining on "mud cakes"...literally. (*Oooops; I guess I shouldn't have let anyone know that I  
routinely check up on predominantly black nations from time to time to see if black leaders have  
become "Westernized" in their treatment of their fellow citizens. Ah well, too late now.*)  
Anyhoo, I can't change anything but sometimes I like to make suggestions on how to improve  
the lives of the lower class citizens, but....I'm just a giiirrrllll. ..LOL!! -Sekhmet

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A timeline of important dates in Haiti's history.

# Haiti - A Historical Timeline

## Important dates in Haiti's history

- By: Joel Dreyfuss | Posted: January 16, 2010 at 3:29 PM

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### Important Dates in Haitian History

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A timeline of important dates in Haiti's history.

1492 - Dec. 5, Columbus lands on a large island he names Isla Espa a (Spanish Island), later changed to Hispaniola. It is inhabited by Taino and Arawak Indians.

1503 - First Africans brought to Hispaniola for labor after pleas from a Spanish priest who wants to save the Indians from extinction.

1592 - Spanish governor executes Queen Anacaona, the last Taino chief.

1659 - First official settlement on Tortuga (off the coast of Haiti) by French buccaneers who hunt wild cattle and by pirates who attack ships sailing from South America to Europe.

1664 - French West India Company takes control of Western third of the island and names it Saint-Domingue.

1670 - First French settlement on the main island, named Cap Francois, later Cap-François and now Cap-Haitien, the second largest city in Haiti. Settlers grow cacao, coffee, tobacco and indigo and begin importing slaves as labor.

1685 - Louis XIV enacts the Code Noir, which regulates the treatment of slaves and sets obligations for owners. Corporal punishment is allowed, sanctioning brutal treatment.

1697 - Spain formally cedes the Western third of the island to France via the Treaty of Ryswick.

1749 - Port-au-Prince is founded.

1758 - Rebel leader Mackandal, born in Guinea, is captured and burned alive in Cap-François after seven years of leading an insurrection.

1777 - French officers lead a regiment of 750 free blacks from Saint-Domingue to help the fledgling U.S. fight British troops at Savannah, Georgia. The unit includes several future leaders of Haiti.

1780 - Saint-Domingue is France's richest colony, producing 40 percent of all sugar and 60 percent of all coffee consumed in Europe.

1789 - When the French Revolution starts, the colony has 500,000 slaves, 32,000 whites and 25,000 people of color (mixed-race) , many of whom have inherited wealth and slaves from their white fathers.

1791 - August 22 - Slave revolt begins. Tradition says it starts with a voodoo ceremony led by Dutty Boukman. He is captured and executed but revolt spreads and plantations are torched.

1794 - February 4 - French Assembly abolishes slavery in all its colonies, ratifying what is already reality in Saint-Domingue.

1801 - Toussaint L'Ouverture defeats British and Spanish troops that invaded Santo Domingo and controls the entire island.

1802 - Napoleon sends 40,000 troops under his brother-in-law, Gen. Charles Leclerc, to re-establish slavery in the colonies. Leclerc deceives and captures Toussaint and ships him to France, where he dies in prison.

1804 - Jan. 1 - After defeating the French forces, Jean-Jacques Dessalines declares Haiti an independent nation, taking an Arawak name meaning country of mountains.

1806 - Dessalines is assassinated and Haiti splits into two states, a northern state led by an emperor, Henri Christophe, and a southern republic led by president Alexandre Pétion.

1820 - After the deaths of Pétion and Christophe, Jean-Pierre Boyer unifies Haiti into one nation and takes control of Santo Domingo as well.

1825 - France's King Charles X recognizes Haiti's independence but demands 150 million francs in indemnity, backing his conditions with a fleet of warships.

1844 - Dominican Republic declares its independence from Haiti.

1863 - U.S. President Abraham Lincoln recognizes Haiti and allows trade for the



first time.

1904 - Haiti celebrates 100 years of independence.

1915 - U.S. forces occupy Haiti; they will stay until 1934.

1930 - First full democratic elections in Haiti; Stenio Vincent elected.

1937 - Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo orders the expulsion of Haitians working in his country. Between 17,000 and 35,000 are killed.

1957 - Francois Duvalier, a doctor, is elected president. "Papa Doc" establishes one of the most brutal dictatorships in Haitian history. His rule is enforced by a militia commonly-known as Tonton Macoutes.

1971- Duvalier dies; his son takes power and is proclaimed President-for- Life, like is father.

1974 - The Haitian national soccer team participates in the World Cup.

1986 - Unrest leads the military to oust "Baby Doc" and his kleptocratic clan.

1990 - Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a former Catholic priest is elected with 67% of the vote.

1991 - Aristide is ousted in a coup that many Haitians believe was financed by the business elite.

1994 - Backed by a UN resolution, the Clinton Administration restores Aristide to power.

1996 - René Préval elected President; he is seen as a stand-in for Aristide.

2000- Aristide elected President again after much-disputed parliamentary elections.

2004 - Aristide leaves under pressure of an armed rebellion; he claims the U.S. kidnapped him and shipped him out.

2006 - Préval elected again. A UN peacekeeping force in Haiti since 2003 grows to 9,000 troops.

2008 - Unrest erupts as Haitians riot against high food prices.

2010 - January 12 - An earthquake with a magnitude of 7.0 devastates Port-au-Prince and damages much of Haiti.

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| 31580|2010-01-24 07:29:57|cece|Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans |

i cannot think of haiti's ambassador to the united states name but he is a very proud, distinguished and handsome older gentlemen. he came on msnbc last week with rachel maddow to explain that this haiti voodoo that pat robertson said was incorrect and a myth. pat robertson should be ashamed of himself, i have given to his ministry. he is involved with a diamond mine in zaire, uses the money to fund his CBN, and is a friend to the dictator Mobutu who kills/torture his people. pat robertson suppose to be a christian but does nothing to help those poor people and is not doing humanitarian work but is fattening his wallet.

--- In [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com), sekhmet Johnson wrote:

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> "The analogy....is a good one."

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> Hello Peter,

> I concur. -Sekhmet

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> Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

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> --- On Thu, 1/21/10, Peter Gray wrote:

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> From: Peter Gray

> Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

> To: "Marc Washington" <[ta\\_seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ta_seti@yahoogroups.com)>

> Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010, 5:59 PM

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> The analogy: "blamibng the Jews for the Holocaust" is a good one.

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> Peter

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> To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

> From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

> Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 18:23:54 -0800

> Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

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> "...like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust... "

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> Hello Shri Sa,

> that is what I was thinking initially, and as usual, the nimrod had to put a religious "spin" on the blame, i.e. "cursed" Africans. Africans are no more cursed than any other ethnic group that has lost their "moral center" as caring beings.

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> I believe the Haitians will once again thrive as a nation once they get past the current crisis point in two to three weeks, as long as they don't have another major natural disaster. The DISinformation "experts" always crawl out from under their rocks when they have nothing positive to say nor can they reach out to support the neediest at this time without some outside support.

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> Sekhmet

> P.S. - I send an individual personal email sometimes because of the delay in posts to the forum; if this is problematic for anyone, just let me know.

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> --- On Mon, 1/18/10, Shri Sa Hetep wrote:

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> From: Shri Sa Hetep

> Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

> To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

> Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 4:19 PM

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> That is like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust. Jews did not leave their religion and/or spiritual practices behind after their tragedy, why should Haitians? I only hope Haitians come back a success, just like the Jewish people did.

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> From: zeecharan

> To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

> Sent: Mon, January 18, 2010 8:19:58 AM

> Subject: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

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> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ginkARhgvE>  
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> This 20 sec youtube clip was sent to me, if it's genuine then it's clearest depiction of colonial mentality and shows just how important this listserve is.  
> The Haitian consul l sounding just like a redneck slaveowner blaming Haitians - black ones for the earthquake.  
> Reminds me of the contempt light skinned 'I'm not black I'm european' Jamaicans had for the problems faced by the african JA diaspora in racist UK back in the day.  
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| 31581|2010-01-24 07:30:09|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Imari Obadele "Father of Reparations" Joins the Ancestors|

"...Dr. Obadele founded N'COBRA....has passed....book on Ancient Egypt....ignored..."

Hello Shu Tefnut,

such sad news that another "hero" of the Diaspora was lost.....condolences to his family and community. Some deaths were unintentionally overlooked because of events in Haiti, so I hope his family will forgive those of us who "remember" but were otherwise engaged. I sent a notice about Percy Sutton passing, who was Malcolm's lawyer and my family member.

I joined N'COBRA years ago thanks to my dad, and his commitment to the Diaspora along with my own. Do you have the name of the book Obadele wrote on Egypt? If so, I can probably still purchase a copy from some bookstore as I like to support black authors when I can.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Wed, 1/20/10, Shu Tefnut** wrote:

From: Shu Tefnut

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [BNYEE]-- Imari Obadele "Father of Reparations" Joins the Ancestors

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**From:** s e anderson

**Sent:** Wed, January 20, 2010 1:59:30 PM

**Subject:** [BNYEE]-- Imari Obadele "Father of Reparations" Joins the Ancestors

## Imari Obadele "Father of Reparations" dies in Ga.

The Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Imari Obadele, the former leader of the Republic of New Africa separatist group, has died. He was 79. Obadele's daughters, Marilyn Obadele and Vivian Gafford, said Tuesday that their father died of massive stroke Monday in Atlanta. Known as the "Father of Reparations, " Obadele was a staunch supporter of Malcom X and eventually became President of the Republic of New Africa, which sought to establish its own nation in the South. He was president when, in 1971, city police and FBI agents battled RNA members who were inside a fortified home in Jackson, Miss. One police officer was killed and two others were wounded in the shootout. Obadele spent more than five years in prison for conspiracy but was not charged with murder. Funeral arrangements are pending.

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*From Hannibal Cassanova:*

I just received the sad news that one of our tallest trees in the forest of Black intellectual Nationalism has unfortunately made transition. Dr. Imari Abukari Obadele was the founder of the Republic of New Afrika that came out of the 1968's convention of Black government held in Detroit. Dr.Obadele and his brother (Milton) were both friends of Malcolm during the early mid sixties. They were the ones who brought him (Malcolm) in to Detroit to give that historic speech that we love so much called "Message to the Grass roots."

After Malcolm's assassination they developed what was called the 'Malcolm X Society' that led to the Republic of New Afrika (RNA) in 1968, then Chokwe Lumumba emerged out of that group to form the 'New Afikan Peoples Organization (NAPO);' all of this led to the Provisional Government of new Afrika and the Five States formation in the South (South Carolina, Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, forgot fifth one), all under the constitutional right to develop a self-determined Plebiscite political independent states. In short, I don't believe we utilized Dr. Obadele's call to 'Free The Land' the way he outlined everything in his wonderful autobiography.

Dr. Obadele went back to school, after brief time in Jail because of being setup, and achieved his doctorate degree, I think in Government. Also, it was Dr. Obadele who founded N'COBRA, which further augment his fight for reparation. Dr. Obadele has written numerous books and articles on Government, '40 acres and a Mule,' Reparation, etc. Also, he even wrote a very valuable book on 'Ancient Egypt' in which some of the African-centered community either neglects or don't appreciate (I never hear any one cite it as a source of reference).

Nevertheless, Dr. Obadele has left his mark in our movement for liberation in this country by example! Libation Poured!

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s. e. anderson is author of "The Black Holocaust for Beginners"  
Social Activism is not a hobby: it's a Lifelong Commitment.  
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| 31582|2010-01-24 07:30:10|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS|

"...Dessalines was prompted to slaughter all the whites in Haiti..."

Hello Peter,

that may be the reason blacks are kept "weaponless" in modern times....ROTFL!!!

I am not that familiar with the particulars of Haitian history, but when I watched the TV program last night, I was struck by a young Haitian that said Haiti was "the first black independent nation

in history".

If that is really what the young Black Diasporans are being taught, we as a people have failed as educators/teachers of our own history. We need to open up our schools to more BLACK HISTORIANS that teach the truth of black history, and not the "westernized/easternized versions"...after all, we are the Original People of the earth, in spite of the B S children are taught in school,, church or mosque today.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:41 AM

Also remember how Napoleom deliberately killed Toussaint at Fort de Jour ... by depriving him of firewood and clothing (even his personal watch) so that he (Toussaint) eventually succumbed to fever on April 17, 1803. When the Haitian armies found out , Dessalines was prompted to slaughter all the whites in Haiti, and removed the white from the French tricolor -- which is why the Haitian flag today is just red and blue.

Peter

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To: hebrew@erols. com; Runoko@yahoo. com

CC: Ta\_Seti@yahooogroups .com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 14:04:52 -0800

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"...myth of the liberal French!"

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I don't want to take Napoleon's quote out of context too much, but given the time he was alive and messing around in Haiti (and don't forget the bozo also went to Egypt with his worldview about blacks) and his personal views at that time, but he was certainly speaking the language and sentiments of his fellowmen... globally and throughout history apparently. But I may be biased (((chuckle))) in my opinion of history and how blacks were perceived.

I think the French are as "liberal" as others....they just aim it at their own first, which is not a problem for me. A "street philosopher" taught me that - It's a po' dog that can't wag his own tail.....other' s in the Diaspora should keep that in mind when they send their black martyrs to the West to create chaos. Our ancestors were not "invited" to relocate to the Americas or Haiti or Europe.

Runoko wrote an article about the presence of blacks in Germany and Russia...and you could have knocked me over with a feather when I read it!!! Guess that "Black Russian" thing is real after all.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/22/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: "sekhmet Johnson" , Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Cc: Runoko@yahoo. com, tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 2:25 PM

You are more than welcomed! So much for the myth of the liberal FRENCH!

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Cc:** hebrew ; Runoko@yahoo. com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Fri, January 22, 2010 3:20:44 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"....the need to block forever the march of the blacks in the world...."

Whoooo-boyee, unbelievable the "quotes" some people think are historically valid, but wibbling you in the butt later.....ROTFL! !!!

"No", I don't think it is "humorous" in the least, but it certainly puts the push for global "relations" into perspective IMNSHO. The man said "...march of the **blacks in the world...**" of puts a kabosh on any future dreams of freedom, hope and justice from the start **if** you have to be born black - West, East or anywhere else on the planet.

Sheesh, and I thought I was "seeing things from the biased perspective" of a member of the African Diaspora. Thanks for finding this Hebrew....and you too Rashidi.

**Sekhmet**

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--- On **Fri, 1/22/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: "Trent Hatchett"  
Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 4:45 AM



"My decision to destroy the authority of the blacks in Saint Dominque (Haiti) is not so much based on considerations of commerce and money, as on the need to block for ever the march of the blacks in the world."

--Napoleon Bonaparte

Todah R' Ak Runoko [Thank you]

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| 31583|2010-01-24 07:30:12|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fw: MegaAmenra sent you a video: "Truth about Religion Part 1 of]

Thanks Shu Tefnut, it looks interesting...but unless there is a written article, my old pc can't do video.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Fri, 1/22/10, Shu Tefnut** wrote:

From: Shu Tefnut  
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| 31584|2010-01-24 07:30:14|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti concerns astronauts too!|

"...tried Google Earth?"

No Peter, not me....I don't need that kind of info myself.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Haiti concerns astronauts too!  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 9:31 AM

Yes. NASA can even take pics of your vehicle's tag number.

Has anyone tried Google Earth?  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 11:20:57 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Haiti concerns astronauts too!

I don't think the picture below is of Haiti, but just a look at what NASA image satellites can do for rescue teams searching for survivors. Thanks NASA!!!  
Sekhmet

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## **Astronauts in Space Concerned for Haiti Earthquake Victims**

By [Tariq Malik](#)  
SPACE.com Managing Editor  
posted: 20 January 2010  
03:17 pm ET

Astronauts aboard the International Space Station (ISS) sent a heartfelt message Tuesday for the victims of last week's devastating earthquake in Haiti.

Japanese astronaut Soichi Noguchi beamed the message to Earth for posting on his Twitter page, which he is using to send updates about his long-duration flight on the space station.

"We, ISS crew, would like to express our condolences to the [earthquake victims](#) in Haiti," Noguchi wrote in his message. The astronaut, who writes as @Astro\_Soichi, represents the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA).

Haiti was struck by a 7.0-magnitude earthquake on Jan. 12 that caused widespread damage to its capitol city of Port-au-Prince. A strong, [6.1-magnitude aftershock](#) hit the battered island nation earlier today.

NASA and other space agencies and satellite operators have trained their Earth-observing satellites on the region to map the hardest-hit areas in order to aid recovery efforts.

Noguchi is one of five astronauts currently living aboard the International Space Station as it flies 220 miles (354 km) above Earth. In addition to the Japanese spaceflyer, the station is home to two Americans and two Russians.

Noguchi also took time to remember the victims of a massive [earthquake](#) that struck Japan 15 years ago this week. On Jan. 17, 1995, a 6.9-magnitude quake struck the Kobe area of Japan, killing more than 5,500 people and injuring more than 36,000, according to the United States Geological Survey.

"It has been 15 years since the big earthquake hit Kansai and Awaji area," Noguchi said. "We would like to express our condolences to the earthquake victims."

Noguchi and his crewmates likely first heard the news of the Haiti earthquake last week during their daily news update, NASA officials told SPACE.com. The astronauts regularly receive digital versions of the Houston Chronicle newspaper, as well as other updates on their chosen subjects, they added.

The space station crew is in the middle of a busy time aboard the orbiting laboratory. Last week, the astronauts moved a massive spare parts shelf from one end of the station to the other and performed a spacewalk.

On Thursday, they will move a Soyuz spacecraft to a newly opened docking port on the station's roof. The crew also plans to move a cone-shaped piece of the space station to a new berth later this week.

In early February, NASA's [space shuttle Endeavour](#) is due to arrive at the space station with a six-astronaut crew to deliver a new module and observation portal to the orbiting laboratory.

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| 31585|2010-01-24 07:30:16|Cami McCraw|David Rohl - important update|

Dear Ta\_Seti group,

I try to not post very often, but I do have several important updates since my post of October 2009:

[http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/Ta\\_Seti/message/30180](http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/Ta_Seti/message/30180)

There is a publishing house in Tennessee who has started carrying David Rohl's books- making them available in the USA for the first time, and in paperback format!

Some of you will remember David Rohl from his 'Pharaohs & Kings' television special on The Discovery Channel & The Learning Channel.

David's Egyptology & Bible-Archaeology DVDs are still on sale here, and the introductory sale price has been extended for just a few more days:

<http://stretchproductions.com/RohlProducts.html>

David Rohl video SAMPLES in the center of the page:

<http://www.youtube.com/StretchProductions>

~ And for those buying the Combo Pack, (which includes both 'Pharaohs & Kings' & 'Myth or Reality') - you now have the option of buying the one-hour special 'In Search of Eden'. It is not listed at the website - write to me off-list at stretch @ swbell.net (no spaces.)

~ Also, very good news about his books! This is the note from the publisher:

Several years ago, David Rohl wrote a one-volume reconstruction/re-telling of the history of the Old Testament. His imaginative account marshals all of the most recent archeological evidence to illuminate and make meaningful the historical narrative of the Bible. The book was published, first in hardback, then in paperback in the UK, but has been unavailable in the US. That book, 'From Eden to Exile', has now been published in the United States by Greenleaf Press.

<http://www.greenleafpress.com/>

-But here is a smaller link which won't wrap:

<http://bit.ly/5ybCFu>

'From Eden to Exile' is a paperback, 528 pages, with black & white photography and illustrations throughout and is available directly from Greenleaf Press for \$24.95. It is also available through Amazon.com.

Bookstores and other retailers may order copies directly from Greenleaf Press or through Ingram Book Group.

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Both the books & the DVDs are wonderful for the advanced homeschooler as well as any family library!

-Cami McCraw

| 31586|2010-01-24 07:30:42|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Agola/THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES - The hate and the quake|

"...give this as much prominence as the 'fake' timeline of Haitian history..."

Hello Agola,

I am not clear on what you mean by "give as much prominence". I don't own/moderate a blog/media site so giving prominence to someone else's article is not up to me; neither is determining who or what information is "fake" or not without much research of my own. Please clarify what is the "fake timeline" you are referring to....thanks. I am forwarding articles to the forums that I belong to, WITHOUT the author's permission mind you, so if the info is incorrect, please correct it for me- and any others reading the posts.....no problem with me. Perhaps some of the different forums that people are on get mixed up somehow, but that may be more a matter of Internet hacker crap than me giving one article "prominence" or not.

"Why do we hate our own glorious BLACK history?"

If you are including me in that hating black history thing/statement....please don't. I have researched African history for decades, and prefer the information that comes from other Africans or members of the Black Diaspora without some negative, hidden personal agenda or DISinformation along religious or genderlines.....been there, done that, most unpleasant IMO. I am not Haitian, so any historical information you can share is fine with me.

If you are referring to someone else hating black history....well, I assume adults can think for

themselves and choose whom they want to follow and emulate as a sort of "life coach". I prefer that approach in my personal and professional life, or the axiom..."You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink" approach.

I know of some people that hate their own people, and I often question what made them like that but I don't waste my personal energy trying to change their minds....btw, they are not all black people, in case some white folks are reading these forum posts...LOL!!! Yep; they have "knuckleheads" in the whiterace also....ROTFL!!!

Sekhmet

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Subject: Fw: THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES - The hate and the quake - READ THIS

To: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 1:08 PM

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This article was written by a real historian of the North Atlantic/West Indies, and Vice Chancellor of the University of the West Indies.

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Published on: 17th January 2010 by Sir Hilary Beckles

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Thus began the systematic destruction of the Republic of Haiti. The French government bled the nation and rendered it a failed state. It was a merciless exploitation that was designed and guaranteed to collapse the Haitian economy and society..

Haiti was forced to pay this sum until 1922 when the last instalment was made.

During the long 19th century, the payment to France amounted to up to 70 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

Jamaica today pays up to 70 per cent in order to service its international and domestic debt. Haiti was crushed by this debt payment. It descended into financial and social chaos.

The republic did not stand a chance. France was enriched and it took pleasure from the fact that having been defeated by Haitians on the battlefield, it had won on the field of finance. In the years when the coffee crops failed, or the sugar yield was down, the Haitian government borrowed on the French money market at double the going interest rate in order to repay the French government.

When the Americans invaded the country in the early 20th century, one of the reasons offered was to assist the French in collecting its reparations.

The collapse of the Haitian nation resides at the feet of France and America,



especially. These two nations betrayed, failed, and destroyed the dream that was Haiti; crushed to dust in an effort to destroy the flower of freedom and the seed of justice.

Haiti did not fail. **It was destroyed by two of the most powerful nations on earth,** both of which continue to have a primary interest in its current condition.

The sudden quake has come in the aftermath of summers of hate. In many ways the quake has been less destructive than the hate.

Human life was snuffed out by the quake, while the hate has been a long and inhumane suffocation - a crime against humanity.

During the 2001 UN Conference on Race in Durban, South Africa, strong representation was made to the French government to repay the 150 million francs.

The value of this amount was estimated by financial actuaries as US\$21 billion.

This sum of capital could rebuild Haiti and place it in a position to re-engage the modern world. It was illegally extracted from the Haitian people and should be repaid.

It is stolen wealth. In so doing, France could discharge its moral obligation to the Haitian people.

For a nation that prides itself in the celebration of modern diplomacy, France, in order to exist with the moral authority of this diplomacy in this post-modern world, should do the just and legal thing.

Such an act at the outset of this century would open the door for a sophisticated interface of past and present, and set the Haitian nation free at last.

I Sir Hilary Beckles is pro-vice-chancellor and Principal of the Cave Hill Campus, UWI.

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| 31587|2010-01-24 07:31:00|sekhmet Johnson|Re: a matter of faith? Hebrew, copied|

"...we need to get together and protect each other."

Hello Wiselady,

from your mouth to God's ear!!!

Hopefully, my people will wake up before the end of all time,...and not from a religious perspective either.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Li (wiseladyowl)** wrote:

From: Li (wiseladyowl)  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] a matter of faith? Hebrew, copied  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 11:41 AM

Sad but true, but I am still waiting for us "blacks" to realize that we need to get together and protect each other.

--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] a matter of faith? Hebrew, copied  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 12:12 PM

How ironic it is that we only truly come together during terrible crisis.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Sun, 17 Jan 2010 14:56:41 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] a matter of faith? Hebrew, copied

## **As lives and houses shattered in Haiti quake, so did some religious differences**

By Manuel Roig-Franzia  
Washington Post

Sunday, January 17, 2010; A01

PORT-AU-PRINCE -- At night, voices rise in the street. Sweet, joyful, musical voices in lyric Creole. A symphony of hope in a landscape of despair.

"It doesn't mean anything if Satan hates me, because God loves me," sing the women at Jeremy Square, their faces almost invisible in the darkness of this powerless, shattered downtown. "God has already paid my debt."

Haiti is known as a society of devout Christians -- Catholics, Protestants, Methodists, evangelicals -- and followers of voodoo. Faith has long played a powerful role in this impoverished nation, giving hope to the poor and fulfilling social functions that the government is incapable of handling.

But in the days since the earth pitched and rolled here, pulverizing shanties and mansions alike, the religious differences that sometimes separated Haitians have come crashing down.

Port-au-Prince has become a kind of multid denominational , open-air church. Tens of thousands live in the street together, scraping for food and water, sharing their misery and blending their spirituality.

The women singing together in Jeremy Square might never have worshiped side by side before the disaster, but now their voices harmonize and soar well past 2 in the morning. Lionelle Masse, a stringy woman with a deep, sad voice, lost a child in the quake. She sings next to Rosena Roche, a fiery-eyed Catholic whose husband is buried under tons of rubble.

"I still have faith in God," Roche says. "I want to give glory to God."

Regardless of their faith, countless Haitians have similar questions: Why was I spared? Are we being punished for our sins? Is this a test of faith? What happens in the afterlife?

### **'Not the will of the Lord'**

Seekers stream into the parking lot of the ruined Sacre Coeur Catholic church, a 105-year-old brick gem that was turned into a grim, hollowed-out shell, its stunning stained-glass windows tossed to the ground in shards. There, the Catholics and the Protestants and others seek solace from Father Hans Alexander, a Haitian priest who took his decidedly un-Haitian first name from his German father. He doesn't ask them about their religion; he asks them about their pain.

"Catholics and Protestants and other religions are praying together now," Alexander says, as two tearful women slump over his thick, broad shoulders. "We are saying, 'We love Jesus; we don't care about religions. We just care about the Lord.' " He has tried to teach his followers this lesson for years but did not always succeed in changing the minds of parishioners who thought their religion was better or truer than others. The quake, he says, has done much to convince those he could not.

As it often can be with faith, there are doubts to overcome. Some parishioners want to blame the devil, or take responsibility themselves because they have sinned. Some think God has abandoned them.

"This is not the will of the Lord," Alexander tells the two women, sisters who lost their mother and one of their children, a 1 1/2 -year-old, in the quake. "Don't put this blame on the back of anyone. Don't put it on yourself."

Like almost everyone here, the woe is personal for Alexander, who is wearing sandals, almost as if to defy the dangerous pieces of glass, jagged metal and concrete that litter the sidewalk outside his church and befoul his courtyard. Beneath the broken remnants of his rectory are the bodies of at least 20 church members he must mourn alongside their friends and relatives.

A woman whose relative is now entombed there quietly prays, with arms spread out toward a statue of the Virgin Mary. Some of the grieving have wrestled with guilt about having survived while their loved ones died, but Alexander assures them that "it is not because God loves one person more than another."

Alexander, 40, grew up in this church, first as a vicar and for the past seven months as its principal priest. He is himself pondering basic questions. He has spoken so many times of "original sin," but the quake has led him to what he calls "a discovery," reinforcing his belief that "God created us to be good." The neighbors he sees helping one another -- carting debris, digging for survivors, patching wounds both physical and psychological -- confirmed it for him. That sense of fundamental goodness is what rankles the priests gathered at Sacre Coeur about comments such as those by American televangelist Pat Robertson, who suggested that the earthquake was a punishment for Haitians aligning themselves, at times, with the devil. When

Catholic priest Arsene Jasmin heard that, he was enraged. Jasmin, a Haitian who is a priest at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Church in the District, arrived in Port-au-Prince for a visit the day before the earthquake.

"I get mad when I hear that Haiti is somehow being punished," he says. "It's unacceptable and wrong."

Jasmin gathered Friday night in a nearby building with 100 worshipers for three hours of prayer and song. His friend, Alexander, has no church anymore -- the building that once received 3,000 worshipers for five Sunday services is a wreck. But Alexander says he will celebrate Mass outside a nearby house Sunday anyway, and he expects hundreds, if not thousands, to come.

### **Salvation under the skies**

For others, especially those stuck in place because they have no way to travel around the city, places such as Jeremy Square will be their makeshift churches, as they have been each night. Roche, the Catholic woman who fears her husband is dead, sleeps and worships in the square, squeezed into a row of 25 men, women and children -- one of at least 60 tightly packed rows along the slope pavement of the square.

Just a few steps from Roche's thin, white blanket, Primrose Toussaint, a fervent Pentecostal believer drenched in sweat, waves her arms in the air.

"Even if I die, I die with Jesus," she calls out to no one in particular. "God bless this country. God bless these people."

She has no home, and almost all her meager possessions are gone, but she says, "I don't feel like I am in trouble. Without Jesus, I would be in trouble."

The children sleep while Roche and Toussaint sing in voices fast growing hoarse from hours of hymns. A chorus builds behind them.

"If you believe in God, salvation is sure," the voices sing as one. "Oh God, open the way."

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| 31588|2010-01-24 07:31:00|Agola Kisira|Fw: THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES -  
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Just trying to drown out the bull\*\*\*\*. READ THIS

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Thus began the systematic destruction of the Republic of Haiti. The French government bled the nation and rendered it a failed state. It was a merciless exploitation that was designed and guaranteed to collapse the Haitian economy and society..

Haiti was forced to pay this sum until 1922 when the last instalment was made. During the long 19th century, the payment to France amounted to up to 70 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

Jamaica today pays up to 70 per cent in order to service its international and domestic debt. Haiti was crushed by this debt payment. It descended into financial and social chaos.

The republic did not stand a chance. France was enriched and it took pleasure from the fact that having been defeated by Haitians on the battlefield, it had won on the field of finance. In the years when the coffee crops failed, or the sugar yield was down, the Haitian government borrowed on the French money market at double the going interest rate in order to repay the French government.

When the Americans invaded the country in the early 20th century, one of the reasons offered was to assist the French in collecting its reparations.



The collapse of the Haitian nation resides at the feet of France and America, especially. These two nations betrayed, failed, and destroyed the dream that was Haiti; crushed to dust in an effort to destroy the flower of freedom and the seed of justice.

Haiti did not fail. **It was destroyed by two of the most powerful nations on earth,** both of which continue to have a primary interest in its current condition.

The sudden quake has come in the aftermath of summers of hate. In many ways the quake has been less destructive than the hate.

Human life was snuffed out by the quake, while the hate has been a long and inhumane suffocation - a crime against humanity.

During the 2001 UN Conference on Race in Durban, South Africa, strong representation was made to the French government to repay the 150 million francs.

The value of this amount was estimated by financial actuaries as US\$21 billion. This sum of capital could rebuild Haiti and place it in a position to re-engage the modern world. It was illegally extracted from the Haitian people and should be repaid.

It is stolen wealth. In so doing, France could discharge its moral obligation to the Haitian people.

For a nation that prides itself in the celebration of modern diplomacy, France, in order to exist with the moral authority of this diplomacy in this post-modern world, should do the just and legal thing.

Such an act at the outset of this century would open the door for a sophisticated interface of past and present, and set the Haitian nation free at last.

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I am an African American male

I have been reading the book and observing the responses to it since it was introduced to me by another African American male associate.

Since its inception 1991 I personally have not been able to find fault with its conclusions.

I have however noticed a significant degree of hostility and denial esp from white/albinic people or melinated/black people who strongly identify with white/albinic people.

The reason I put the inquiry to this group is because as a member of a few black atheist yahoo groups

particularly the yahoo group labeled Black Atheist ,when I merely Identified Black/Melinated and White/Albinic just as I'm doing now and nothing more I was immediately and collectively attacked, dismissed and then ignored.

And this From a group Labeled "Black" Atheist,where I had at least expected reasoned rational discussion, instead of slanderous profanity and distortions.

Which motivated me to seek out and join other groups more pro-black/afrocentric not just in word but deed as well.

Judging from the responses to my query ,maybe I should have included more of an explanation.

My intention is to have a reasonable respectful dialog about the conclusions reached by

Dr.Welsing.

Also my apologies for my delay in responding ,I don't have reliable internet access.

But most importantly I had to wait until I have formulated statements and questions that I consider worthy of discussion.

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Dr.Welsing,s Definition of Racism

functional definition of racism (white supremacy) is as follows:

the local and global power system structured and maintained by persons who classify themselves as white, whether consciously or subconsciously determined;

this system consists of patterns of perception, logic, symbol formation, thought, speech, action and emotional response, as conducted simultaneously in all areas of people activity (economics, education, entertainment, labor, law, politics, religion, sex and war).

The ultimate purpose of the system is to prevent white genetic annihilation on Earth a planet in

which the overwhelming majority of people are classified as non white (black, brown, red and yellow) by white skinned people.

All of the nonwhite people are genetically dominant (in terms of skin coloration) compared to the genetically recessive white skinned people.

this definition of racism as a strategy for white genetic survival

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Nelly Fullers Quote

Most white people hate Black people. The reason that most white people hate Black people is because whites are not Black people. If you know this about white people, you need know little else. If you do not know this about white people, virtually all else that you know about them will only confuse you.

"If you do not understand White Supremacy (Racism) what it is, and how it works everything else that you understand, will only confuse you...

Neely Fuller, Jr. (1971). The United Independent Compensatory Code/System/Concept

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Extrapolated Analysis And Conclusions by Mbeti

white hate - experience it as painful and become angry - that they are not melanated.  
they then lie to themselves and others and use violence and lies to subordinate melanated people  
and therefore perpetuate what they hate, their albinism.  
viscious cycle of albinism?

have any melanated females complained about being excluded from being allowed to be cheerleaders in professional sports dominated by melanated males?

melanated instead of black brown red, nonwhite  
yellow is a form of albinism : blonde is yellow  
white , white skinned = epidermal albinism (partial = albinic or full = albinio) as the dominant component of their phenotype.

non white = melanated  
recessive = subordinate

Interspecies predation and phenotypic inadequacy  
currently our species primary limitation is the nonequal distribution of optimal phenotype  
as opposed to most other species that have a generally uniform distribution of optimal phenotype  
of

each individual member of their species.

Dr. Frances Cress Welsing

Neely Fuller, Jr.

hitler

gandhi

Karl Marx

etc

are examples of this phenomena and perhaps principle of not only external phenotypic nonequitable distribution ;that is ,the beautiful the plain and the ugly, but also the internal cognitive/emotional

nonequitable distribution ;the wise and kind vs the foolish and mean.

collective nonequality

individual nonequality

within the next approx 50 years our species will achieve enough knowledge and control of our genome to

allow every member of our species to control and optimize their individual phenotype.

this will mean the end of white or black people that is the end of being born and having to live with

a suboptimal phenotype.

this will also have a terminal impact on illness poverty and crime.

most members of our species say they cannot conceive of living in a world where there is not continual suffering, but do will really have any other option.

Our evolutionary existence is the result of life attempting to optimize.

it is the intrinsic structure of life to avoid pain and death and seek pleasure and life.

isn't it?

what is the ultimate purpose and or goal of our species?

own produce sell and staff

military counters and neutralizers

violence

lies

I do not know about Neely Fuller, Jr. but Dr. Frances Cress Welsing seem the acceptance if not belief of the god concept.

this is the one subject we may disagree about.

I became an atheist around 6 or 7 ,I'm not sure of my exact age but I remember that I was a child and me and my mother and sister were praying at our mother direction because according to her we were poor and needed help.

as i kneeled and closed my eyes i didn't here or see any god.that was the point where I began to doubt

the existence of such a being.

I'm now in my late forties, and not only have I not found any evidence of such a being I have found and continue to find overwhelming evidence of the falseness of such a concept and way of thinking.

by the way

When i became an adult around 19 or 20 I moved from new york to los angles.

I'm still poor but in the twenty years plus that I've been in los angles I've yet to find or be able to afford the type of apartments I grew up in as a child in new york.

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Advanced questions

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list of assertions

that whiteness is albinism

blackness due to melinin

that albinism is genetically recessive/subordinate

that the symbolic examples she cites indicate that the above facts are the causal factors of albinic/white peoples aggression

quantity

interdependence(logic)

independent validation or falsification  
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why is melinin dominant and its lack subordinate?

The albinization of african america

the jewish/semite historical process.

both groups where continually abused and subordinated by albinic/white people until they where externally indistinguishable from white/albinic people.

currently you have a group of albinic/white jews who hate thier more meliniated niebors and with the

essential asstence of european and american albinic/white people abuse and subordinate them.

is this the ievitable fate of african americans?

the word ghetto where most african americans are forced to live is from the word used to describe

where jewish people where forced to live in europe.

I wonder where thier gangs of young jews who primarily killed each other

(while policed by exculsively albinic/white males who aided and propetuated this) because they lived in a socierty and culture that placed an extreme negative value on thier lives esp the males?

did they have a specific negative word for their people the way we have nigger?

did most all the women and a good portion of the men reject their hair and every other part of their phenotype (and cultural heritage) that did not resemble the albinic/white standard?

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Re: Seeking Opinion Of Work Of Dr.Frances Cress Welsing "The ISIS Pa

Posted by: "yoheyman2000" yoheyman2000@yahoo.com yoheyman2000

Thu Dec 10, 2009 6:33 pm (PST)

@ Ginger,

Just a general comment on ISIS PAPERS.

I don't often see or hear anyone speak on this book & I am kind of surprised by that. That said I don't know that I got through the entire book but I really agreed 90% with what I did read. It just seems to touch on logistics that I don't know that I've known many to try and break down into general sort of psycho-analytical precepts of social dynamics.... I hope I said that right LOL!

I remember thinking that her breakdown of racism was the first to ever really inspire compassion in my thoughts of the whole race issue!

Where another kind of analysis would leave me fired up wanting to shoot somebody LOL this was the first to help me see how plain & simple humanity and human nature play such a huge role in the race issue. I didn't gell with her rather homophobic ideas but I really appreciated her general point of view.

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[Ta\_Seti] Digest Number 3631

Re: Seeking Opinion Of Work Of Dr.Frances Cress Welsing "The ISIS Pa

Posted by: "Ginger Daniels" gingerd2007@hotmail.com gingerd2007

Thu Dec 10, 2009 11:31 am (PST)

Then let me inform you, that was not my intention to disrespect you... even though the response was a bit "odd" to me. This is a forum for sharing information, opinions, and knowledge. So I dont understand why one would question another for asking for an opinion on a site that was put together for that exact reason.

I use that same suspiciousness when others are interested in OUR information, but not when we are joining to build, together... which is EXACTLY what we need to be doing.

So, if I offended you my sister, then I regret that you took what I said out of context and perhaps I should have chosen different words to convey my point. At the same time, you should think about the person who initially started this topic, and how your response may have been perceived as offensive to him / her.

Thank you for your response, and peace be unto you!

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If you ask me this history oh the ability of the human spirit to overcome extreme adversity should be  
taught in every school in the world!!

Just trying to drown out the bull\*\*\*\*. READ THIS

## **The Hate and the Quake**

Published on: 17th January 2010by Sir Hilary Beckles

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES is in the process of conceiving how  
best to deliver a major conference on the theme Rethinking And Rebuilding Haiti.

I am very keen to provide an input into this exercise because for too long there has  
been a popular perception that somehow the Haitian nation-building project,  
launched on January 1, 1804, has failed on account of mismanagement, ineptitude,  
corruption.

Buried beneath the rubble of imperial propaganda, out of both Western Europe and  
the United States, is the evidence which shows that Haiti's independence was  
defeated by an aggressive North-Atlantic alliance that could not imagine their  
world inhabited by a free regime of Africans as representatives of the newly  
emerging democracy.

The evidence is striking, especially in the context of France.

The Haitians fought for their freedom and won, as did the Americans fifty years earlier. The Americans declared their independence and crafted an extraordinary constitution that set out a clear message about the value of humanity and the right to freedom, justice, and liberty.

In the midst of this brilliant discourse, they chose to retain slavery as the basis of the new nation state. The founding fathers therefore could not see beyond race, as the free state was built on a slavery foundation.

The water was poisoned in the well; the Americans went back to the battlefield a century later to resolve the fact that slavery and freedom could not comfortably co-exist in the same place.

The French, also, declared freedom, fraternity and equality as the new philosophies of their national transformation and gave the modern world a tremendous progressive boost by so doing.

They abolished slavery, but Napoleon Bonaparte could not imagine the republic without slavery and targeted the Haitians for a new, more intense regime of slavery. The British agreed, as did the Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese.

All were linked in communion over the 500 000 Blacks in Haiti, the most populous and prosperous Caribbean colony.

As the jewel of the Caribbean, they all wanted to get their hands on it. With a massive slave base, the English, French and Dutch salivated over owning it - and the people.

The people won a ten-year war, the bloodiest in modern history, and declared their independence. Every other country in the Americas was based on slavery.

Haiti was freedom, and proceeded to place in its 1805 Independence Constitution that any person of African descent who arrived on its shores would be declared free, and a citizen of the republic.

For the first time since slavery had commenced, Blacks were the subjects of mass freedom and citizenship in a nation.

The French refused to recognise Haiti's independence and declared it an illegal pariah state. The Americans, whom the Haitians looked to in solidarity as their

mentor in independence, refused to recognise them, and offered solidarity instead to the French. The British, who were negotiating with the French to obtain the ownership title to Haiti, also moved in solidarity, as did every other nation-state the Western world.

Haiti was isolated at birth - ostracised and denied access to world trade, finance, and institutional development. It was the most vicious example of national strangulation recorded in modern history.

The Cubans, at least, have had Russia, China, and Vietnam. The Haitians were alone from inception. The crumbling began.

Then came 1825; the moment of full truth. The republic is celebrating its 21st anniversary. There is national euphoria in the streets of Port-au-Prince.

The economy is bankrupt; the political leadership isolated. The cabinet took the decision that the state of affairs could not continue.

The country had to find a way to be inserted back into the world economy. The French government was invited to a summit.

Officials arrived and told the Haitian government that they were willing to recognise the country as a sovereign nation but it would have to pay compensation and reparation in exchange. The Haitians, with backs to the wall, agreed to pay the French.

The French government sent a team of accountants and actuaries into Haiti in order to place a value on all lands, all physical assets, the 500 000 citizens who were formerly enslaved, animals, and all other commercial properties and services.

The sums amounted to 150 million gold francs. Haiti was told to pay this reparation to France in return for national recognition.

The Haitian government agreed; payments began immediately. Members of the Cabinet were also valued because they had been enslaved people before independence.

Thus began the systematic destruction of the Republic of Haiti. The French government bled the nation and rendered it a failed state. It was a merciless exploitation that was designed and guaranteed to collapse the Haitian economy and



society.

Haiti was forced to pay this sum until 1922 when the last instalment was made. During the long 19th century, the payment to France amounted to up to 70 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

Jamaica today pays up to 70 per cent in order to service its international and domestic debt. Haiti was crushed by this debt payment. It descended into financial and social chaos.

The republic did not stand a chance. France was enriched and it took pleasure from the fact that having been defeated by Haitians on the battlefield, it had won on the field of finance. In the years when the coffee crops failed, or the sugar yield was down, the Haitian government borrowed on the French money market at double the going interest rate in order to repay the French government.

When the Americans invaded the country in the early 20th century, one of the reasons offered was to assist the French in collecting its reparations.

The collapse of the Haitian nation resides at the feet of France and America, especially. These two nations betrayed, failed, and destroyed the dream that was Haiti; crushed to dust in an effort to destroy the flower of freedom and the seed of justice.

Haiti did not fail. **It was destroyed by two of the most powerful nations on earth,** both of which continue to have a primary interest in its current condition.

The sudden quake has come in the aftermath of summers of hate. In many ways the quake has been less destructive than the hate.

Human life was snuffed out by the quake, while the hate has been a long and inhumane suffocation - a crime against humanity.

During the 2001 UN Conference on Race in Durban, South Africa, strong representation was made to the French government to repay the 150 million francs.

The value of this amount was estimated by financial actuaries as US\$21 billion. This sum of capital could rebuild Haiti and place it in a position to re-engage the modern world. It was illegally extracted from the Haitian people and should be repaid.

It is stolen wealth. In so doing, France could discharge its moral obligation to the Haitian people.

For a nation that prides itself in the celebration of modern diplomacy, France, in order to exist with the moral authority of this diplomacy in this post-modern world, should do the just and legal thing.

Such an act at the outset of this century would open the door for a sophisticated interface of past and present, and set the Haitian nation free at last.

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| 31591|2010-01-24 07:32:11|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson|  
"...teams not being allowed to land...."

Hello Peter,

it depends on which talking head is doing the reporting IMO. I think most teams had to go to or were re-routed to the Dominican Republic and then on to Haiti who had no airport or seaport after the quake. I don't which military chopper dropped supplies on day one, but the locals weren't complaining about ANY military or ANY country sending aide...it was just the talking heads. I try to stay on a single TV station throughout, so the story doesn't "change" too much....CNN (24-7) orMSNBC...are usually pretty consistent with reporting in the initial moments IMO.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 11:53 AM

Correcton: Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua all sent aid, but there were reports of their teams not being allowed to land at the airport, though I can't be sure how true that is. There is history of comradry among those countries, and of their empathy with Haiti, hence their immediate offers of aid.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Fri, 15 Jan 2010 20:49:04 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson

"...Obama for taking 3 whole days..."

Sheesh...((( heavy sigh)))...

with regard to a foreign country, diplomats, etc, etc....the talking heads are GUESSING it took 3 days days to respond to the incident. Hell, I heard about it within 24 hours and I am a NObody relevant. Seriously, I "felt" the earth move...not the first time...but it occurred in California first, then moved to Haiti the next day.

Haiti is a SEPARATE subject/concern which is why it took hours. Haiti is still a USA protectorate, which Limbaugh carefully pointed out to his listeners. While there are several Americans... and other foreign businesses/corporations....doing BUSINESS in Haiti, the people are still the poorest nation in the area. The media is even complaining about Cuba not sending aide to Haiti, which I find laughable since Haiti is a "fourth world" nation....Cuba is really a "third world" nation and couldn't send aide if they had it; they are busy with their own natural disasters and nutbars. I ain't mad at them, but the average people really need some GLOBAL information on just which countries have money and who does not.

If Cuba didn't send any aide to Haiti....I understand.. ..they didn't have it TO send!! Cubans have been hurting for decades too. (Now wait for some talking head to "clarify" why the USA had something to do with that too.) Robertson is a "jesus freak" who needs to shut the heck up if he is not going to aide the Haitians instead of riling up racist hatemongers.

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From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 15, 2010, 8:40 AM

What about RushLimbaugh critizing Obama for taking 3 whole days to respond to the attempted Christmas Day "terrorist attack"but taking only 3 hours to

respond to the Haitian earthquake?

Limbaugh charged that this horrific situation simply plays into the hands of Obama and allows him to consolidate his base among black and brown Americans.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Thu, 14 Jan 2010 12:45:49 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti, the Devil & Pat Robertson

Sometimes I just shake my head....does anyone still listen to Pat Robertson and think he has common sense?

Sekhmet

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Personal Message: Well for crying out loud.....

<http://newsweek.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/undergod/2010/01/haiti-the-devil-and-pat-robertson.html?referrer=emailink>

## Haiti, the devil and Pat Robertson

**By David Waters**

Pat Robertson is at it again. The purported Christian minister who suggested assassinating Venezuela leader Hugo Chavez and nuking the U.S. State Department, the reputed follower of Jesus who blamed the 9/11 terrorist attacks and Hurricane Katrina on pagans, abortionists, feminists, gays and lesbians, is now attributing the Haitian earthquake to Haiti's "[pact to the devil](#)."

"Something happened a long time ago in Haiti and people might not want to talk about," Robertson said Tuesday on his 700 Club show. "They were under the heel of the French, you know Napoleon the third and whatever. And they got together and swore a pact to the devil. They said 'We will serve you if you will get us free from the prince.' True story. And so the devil said, 'Ok it's a deal.' And they kicked the French out. The Haitians revolted and got something themselves free. But ever since they have been cursed by one thing after another."

One can only assume that Robertson is alluding to the fact that a majority of Haitians believe in and practice some forms of [voodoo](#). Perhaps he's also referring to the fact that [Roman Catholicism](#) is the official religion of Haiti. It's also possible Robertson doesn't know what he's talking about.

Michael Lindsay, a Rice University sociologist and author of the book "Faith in the Halls of Power: How Evangelicals Joined the American Elite," suggests that

Robertson does indeed know what he's talking about, and why: "Pat Robertson continues to distinguish himself as American evangelicalism's most flamboyant spokesperson. When tragedies strike, people naturally ask questions about why bad things happen to the innocent, and millions of Americans see the hand of God or the devil at work in natural calamities," Lindsay said. "But few religious leaders today draw the kinds of explicit connection as Pat Robertson has done with the Haitian earthquake. Robertson's comments reflect as much **his rhetorical flourish and skill as a ratings booster as they do his theology.**"

Years ago I wrote a column saying that we should pay attention to the crazy things Robertson says because his thinking reflects the thinking of millions of fundamentalist Christians, many of whom support his multi-million-dollar "Christian" media empire and the political views he espouses. Maybe I was wrong. Maybe the time has come to stop paying attention to Pat Robertson. Surely the time has come for Robertson to stop making such shameful comments. Considering the massive death, destruction and misery in Haiti, it is shameful for anyone -- but especially a so-called minister of the gospel -- to suggest that God or the poor people of Haiti had anything to do with it.

Do you agree?

UPDATE: In a **statement** on its Web site, the Christian Broadcasting Network said Robertson was speaking objectively about Haiti's history that has led "countless scholars and religious figures over the centuries to believe the country is cursed: "Dr. Robertson never stated that the earthquake was God's wrath," the statement reads. "If you watch the entire video segment, Dr. Robertson's compassion for the people of Haiti is clear."

BY

DAVID WATERS

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| 31592|2010-01-24 08:07:47|Peter Gray|Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation|

No, I'm not. Just follow the sequence of the thread below to see that I have been responding to your replies consistently, referencing statements/comments that you made. There is no gap where I fell behind. And if you read carefully, you'll see that we often agree.

Peter

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To: atenergy@hotmail.com; Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
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From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 22:05:35 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

Alright Peter....but I still think you are "behind" in reading posts and making replies...at least to me.

I am going by MEDIA reports of what is going on in with the "mission" in Haiti. The military(s)

are doing a helluva job regardless of what the talking heads are saying. (And BTW, there is no gross Haitian criminal activity going on at this time, basically because the people are too traumatized. ...even the "criminals" that escaped from prison.)

"...thank God we have Obama now..."

Blessed be...

the offspring of the African Diaspora is the Commander and Chief....let's be "real" about his white mother; white folks and I still adhere to the "one drop rule"; and he is one of the Diaspora's "Black Princes".... and FINE too...Rotfll!! (It is no "secret" I like Obama and respect Michelle and their marriage, thus NOT a threat in any way shape or form....but, if...God forbid...anything happened to Michelle...Baaaaby. I will TRY for the POTUS like every other female, black, white and Jap-Talian. Barack KNOW he is a good looking man;....in spite of his "race" and political position...and intelligent TOO? Sheesh....no "contest"... I'd go for it.

Anyhoo...((( fanning myself))) the military is best equipped to handle natural emergencies IF their government/political leaders will SHUT THE HECK UP and let their military leaders display their "humanitarian" side; and I am talking about ALL sides.

They are trained and ready to handle any emergency usually, and that includes humanitarian missions without firing a single shot. They are trained to kill, but they were born of woman and thusto LOVE.

Sekhmet

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From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

To: "Sekhmet Johnson"

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 7:57 PM

The damaged/dysfunctional control tower was one of the first priorities of the American military, and a mobile one was put in place within a couple of days. That's why I said there was no excuse for failing to distribute the aid more rapidly and effectively.

I do believe the US military is doing as good a job as they can under the circumstances, and thank God we have Obama now (as someone posted earlier).

Peter

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Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 12:53:38 -0800

From: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

CC: atenergy@hotmail.com; tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo.com

"...talking heads are correct....an excuse..."

Hello Peter,

you are a couple of posts behind I think. I would have to watch the news 24/7 to stay updated and I am not in Haiti that has/had no communications at all.

I sent a couple of articles about some complaining about the military being sent AT ALL, yet they have the best equipment and personnel to handle such an emergency from day one logistically speaking. I saw a military chopper dropping water on day one, and I understand the mad rush to get some water bottles by individuals. ...that was human nature, I have no problems/complaints .

I saw the TV pics of the airport....it was no "excuse" IMO, the planes couldn't land without a tower or someone who had flown to Haiti and knew the terrain but it would have been a small plane,....again IMO.

If the talking heads could fly in and out safely, they should have brought water, medical supplies and MREs instead of more talking heads.....ROTFL! !! Still, their presence was not without an upside, as their pics did show that MOST of the people were helping each other and that behind the talking head some off-island family members may have seen a relative or two, or an old neighbor/area they could identify. I have always believed the entire media is a NECESSARY EVIL....they are needed, but sometimes they make me shake my head; especially since Ed Bradley and the "Walter Cronkite era" has passed.

Sekhmet

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From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 9:21 AM

One thing the "talking heads" are correct about is that immediate relief supplies [bottled water, meals-ready- to-eat, or MREs, medical supplies, etc.] could/can be most rapidly deployed via helicopter, and that the excuse that the airport's limited operability/ capacity is obstructing the aid effort is just that -- an excuse.

Peter

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Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 09:38:26 -0800



Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

Well ..... now I am really confused. First the talking heads and rumor mongers complain about the military being in Haiti, then - in the next breath it seems - they complain about the military not supplying their needs efficiently and quickly, so they want to make the Air Force do water drops/medical supplies where the talking heads and rumor mongers tell them? Fine; now which individual(s) is leading this direction of Air Force drops, since the only airport in Haiti is in ruins?

And one other thing....why do the talking heads and rumor mongers want to bring up Latin American military issues from the past couple of years, when the emergency now is clear and food distribution TODAY in Haiti? Am I missing something here?

Sekhmet

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## Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

**The US has never wanted Haitian self-rule, and its focus 'security concerns' has hampered the earthquake aid response**

by Mark Weisbrot

On Monday, six days after the earthquake in Haiti, the US Southern Command finally began [drop bottled water and food](#) from an air force C-17. US defence secretary Robert Gates had previously rejected such a method because of "security concerns".

If people do not [get clean water](#), there could be epidemics of water-borne diseases that could greatly increase the death toll. But the US is now sending 10,000 troops and seems to be prioritising "security" over much more urgent, life-and-death needs. This in addition to the increase of 3,500 UN troops scheduled to arrive.

On Sunday morning the world-renowned humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders complained that a plane carrying its portable hospital unit was [re-routed by the US military through the Dominican Republic](#). This would cost a crucial 48 hours and an unknown number of lives.

On Sunday, [Jarry Emmanuel](#), air logistics officer for the UN's World Food Programme, said "There are 200 flights going in and out every day, which is an incredible amount for a country like Haiti ... But most flights are for the US military."

Yet Lieutenant General PK Keen, deputy commander of the US Southern Command, reports that there is [less violence in Haiti now than there was before the earthquake hit](#). Dr Evan Lyon, of Partners in Health, a medical aid group famous for its heroic efforts in Haiti, referred to "[misinformation and rumours ... and racism](#)" concerning security issues.

We've been circulating throughout the city until 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning every night, evacuating patients, moving materials. There's no UN guards. There's no US military presence. There's no Haitian police presence. And there's also no violence. There is no insecurity.

To understand the US government's obsession with "security concerns," we must look at the recent history of Washington's involvement there.

Long before the earthquake, Haiti's plight has been comparable to that of many homeless people on city streets in the US: too poor and too black to have the same effective constitutional and legal rights as other citizens. In 2002, when a [US-backed military coup](#) temporarily toppled the elected government of Venezuela, most governments in the hemisphere responded quickly and helped force the return of democratic rule. But two years later, when Haiti's democratically elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was kidnapped by the US and [flown to exile in Africa](#), the response was muted.

Unlike the two centuries of looting and pillage of Haiti since its founding by a slave revolt in 1804, the brutal occupation by US marines from 1915 to 1934, the countless atrocities under dictatorships aided and abetted by Washington, the 2004 coup cannot be dismissed as "ancient history." It was just six years ago, and it is directly relevant to what is happening there now. The US, together with Canada and France, conspired openly for four years to topple Haiti's elected government, cutting off almost all international aid in order to destroy the economy and make the country ungovernable. They succeeded. For those who wonder why there are no Haitian government institutions to help with the earthquake relief efforts, this is a big reason. Or why there are 3 million people crowded into the area where the earthquake hit. US policy over the years also helped destroy Haitian agriculture, for example, by forcing the import of subsidised US rice and wiping out thousands of Haitian rice farmers.

Aristide, the country's first democratically elected president, was overthrown after just seven months in 1991, by military officers and death squads later discovered to be in the pay of the CIA. Now Aristide wants to [return to his country](#), something that the majority of Haitians have demanded since his overthrow. But the US does not want him there. And the [Renouveau](#) government, which is completely beholden to Washington, has decided that Aristide's party - the largest in Haiti - will [not be allowed to compete](#) in the next elections (originally scheduled for next month).

Washington's fear of democracy in Haiti may explain why the US is now sending 10,000 troops and prioritising "security" over other needs.

This military occupation by US troops will raise other concerns in the hemisphere, depending on how long they stay - just as the recent [expansion of the US military presence in Colombia](#) has been met with considerable discontent and distrust in the region. And non-governmental organisations have raised other issues about the proposed reconstruction: understandably they want Haiti's remaining debt cancelled, and grants rather than loans (the IMF has proposed a \$100m dollar loan). Reconstruction needs will be in the billions of dollars: will Washington encourage the establishment of a functioning government? Or will it prevent that, channelling aid through NGOs and taking over various functions itself, because of its long-standing opposition to Haitian self-rule?

But most urgently, there is a need for rapid delivery of water. The US air force has the capability to deliver enough water for everyone who needs it in Haiti, until ground supply chains can be established. The more water is available, the less likely there is to be fighting or rioting over this scarce resource. Food and medical supplies could also be supplied through air drops. These operations should be ramped up, immediately. There is no time to lose.

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| 31593|2010-01-24 08:15:18|Peter Gray|Re: THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES - The hate and the quake - REA|

Agreed. African history is for all humanity. It should be taught in every school in the world.

Peter

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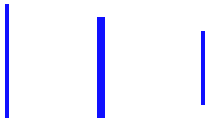
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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES - The hate and the quake - READ THIS

If you ask me this history on the ability of the human spirit to overcome extreme adversity should be taught in every school in the world!!

Just trying to drown out the bull\*\*\*\*. READ THIS



## **The Hate and the Quake**

Published on: 17th January 2010 by Sir Hilary Beckles

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WEST INDIES is in the process of conceiving the best to deliver a major conference on the theme Rethinking And Rebuilding Haiti. I am very keen to provide an input into this exercise because for too long there has been a popular perception that somehow the Haitian nation-building project launched on January 1, 1804, has failed on account of mismanagement and corruption.

Buried beneath the rubble of imperial propaganda, out of both Western and Eastern eyes, the United States, is the evidence which shows that Haiti's independence was defeated by an aggressive North-Atlantic alliance that could not imagine a world inhabited by a free regime of Africans as representatives of the new emerging democracy.

The evidence is striking, especially in the context of France.

The Haitians fought for their freedom and won, as did the Americans first in 1776 and then earlier. The Americans declared their independence and crafted an extraordinary constitution that set out a clear message about the value of humanity and commitment to freedom, justice, and liberty.

In the midst of this brilliant discourse, they chose to retain slavery as the cornerstone of the new nation state. The founding fathers therefore could not see beyond the fact that the free state was built on a slavery foundation.

The water was poisoned in the well; the Americans went back to the barrel of the century later to resolve the fact that slavery and freedom could not co-exist in the same place.

The French, also, declared freedom, fraternity and equality as the new motto of their national transformation and gave the modern world a tremendous progressive boost by so doing.

They abolished slavery, but Napoleon Bonaparte could not imagine the world without slavery and targeted the Haitians for a new, more intense regime of slavery. The British agreed, as did the Dutch, Spanish and Portuguese. All were linked in communion over the 500 000 Blacks in Haiti, the most fertile and prosperous Caribbean colony.

As the jewel of the Caribbean, they all wanted to get their hands on it. With this massive slave base, the English, French and Dutch salivated over owning

the people.

The people won a ten-year war, the bloodiest in modern history, and declared independence. Every other country in the Americas was based on slavery. Haiti was freedom, and proceeded to place in its 1805 Independence Constitution that any person of African descent who arrived on its shores would be free, and a citizen of the republic.

For the first time since slavery had commenced, Blacks were the subjects of freedom and citizenship in a nation.

The French refused to recognise Haiti's independence and declared it a pariah state. The Americans, whom the Haitians looked to in solidarity and as a mentor in independence, refused to recognise them, and offered solidarity only to the French. The British, who were negotiating with the French to obtain ownership title to Haiti, also moved in solidarity, as did every other nation in the Western world.

Haiti was isolated at birth - ostracised and denied access to world trade and institutional development. It was the most vicious example of national strangulation recorded in modern history.

The Cubans, at least, have had Russia, China, and Vietnam. The Haitians were alone from inception. The crumbling began.

Then came 1825; the moment of full truth. The republic is celebrating its 100th anniversary. There is national euphoria in the streets of Port-au-Prince. The economy is bankrupt; the political leadership isolated. The cabinet decided that the state of affairs could not continue.

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What does genetically recessive have to do with being subordinate?

Peter

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In response to inquiry regarding Dr. Frances Cress Welsing's Book The Isis Papers

I am an African American male

I have been reading the book and observing the responses to it since it was introduced to me by another African American male associate.

Since its inception 1991 I personally have not been able to find fault with its conclusions.

I have however noticed a significant degree of hostility and denial esp from white/albinic people

or melaninated/ black people who strongly identify with white/albinic people.

The reason I put the inquiry to this group is because as a member of a few black atheist yahoo groups particularly the yahoo group labeled Black Atheist ,when I merely Identified Black/Melininated and White/Albinic just as I'm doing now and nothing more I was immediately and collectively attacked, dismissed and then ignored.

And this From a group Labeled "Black" Atheist,where I had at least expected reasoned rational discussion, instead of slanderous profanity and distortions.

Which motivated me to seek out and join other groups more pro-black/afrocentric not just in word but deed as well.

Judging from the responses to my query ,maybe I should have included more of an explanation. My intention is to have a reasonable respectful dialog about the conclusions reached by Dr.Welsing.

Also my apologies for my delay in responding ,I don't have reliable internet access.

But most importantly I had to wait until I have formulated statements and questions that I consider worthy of discussion.

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Dr.Welsing,s Definition of Racism

functional definition of racism (white supremacy) is as follows:

the local and global power system structured and maintained by persons who classify themselves as white, whether consciously or subconsciously determined;

this system consists of patterns of perception, logic, symbol formation, thought, speech, action and emotional response, as conducted simultaneously in all areas of people activity (economics, education, entertainment, labor, law, politics, religion, sex and war).

The ultimate purpose of the system is to prevent white genetic annihilation on Earth a planet in which the overwhelming majority of people are classified as non white (black, brown, red and yellow) by white skinned people.

All of the nonwhite people are genetically dominant (in terms of skin coloration) compared to the genetically recessive white skinned people.

this definition of racism as a strategy for white genetic survival  
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Nelly Fullers Quote

Most white people hate Black people. The reason that most white people hate Black people is



because whites are not Black people. If you know this about white people, you need know little else. If you do not know this about white people, virtually all else that you know about them will only confuse you.

"If you do not understand White Supremacy (Racism) what it is, and how it works everything else that you understand, will only confuse you...

Neely Fuller, Jr. (1971). The United Independent Compensatory Code/System/ Concept  
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Extrapolated Analysis And Conclusions by Mbeti

white hate - experience it as painful and become angry - that they are not melanated.  
they then lie to themselves and others and use violence and lies to subordinate melanated people  
and therefore perpetuate what they hate, their albinism.  
viscious cycle of albinism?

have any melanated females complained about being excluded from being allowed to be  
cheerleaders in  
professional sports dominated by melanated males?

melanated instead of black brown red, nonwhite  
yellow is a form of albinism :blonde is yellow  
white ,white skinned = epidermal albinism (partial = albinic or full = albinio) as the dominant  
component of their phenotype.

non white = melanated  
recessive = subordinate

Interspecies predation and phenotypic inadequacy  
currently our species primary limitation is the nonequal distribution of optimal phenotype  
as opposed to most other species that have a generally uniform distribution of optimal phenotype  
of  
each individual member of their species.

Dr. Frances Cress Welsing

Neely Fuller, Jr.

hitler

gandhi

Karl Marx

etc

are examples of this phenomena and perhaps principle of not only external phenotypic  
unequitable distribution ;that is ,the beautiful the plain and the ugly, but also the internal  
cognitive/emotional  
unequitable distribution ;the wise and kind vs the foolish and mean.

collective nonequality  
individual nonequality

within the next approx 50 years our species will achieve enough knowledge and control of our genome to  
allow every member of our species to control and optimize thier individual phenotype.

this will mean the end of white or black people that is the end of being born and having to live with  
a suboptimal phenotype.

this will also have a terminal impact on illness proverty and crime.  
most members of our species say they cannot concieve of living in a world where there is not continual suffering, but do will really have any other option.

Our evolutionary existence is the result of life attempting to optimize.  
it is the intrinsic structure of life to aviod pain and death and seek pleasure and life.  
isn't it?  
what is the ultimate purpose and or goal of our species?

own produce sell and staff  
military counters and neutralizers  
violence  
lies

I do not know about Neely Fuller, Jr. but Dr. Frances Cress Welsing seem the acceptance if not belief of the god concept.  
this is the one subject we may disagree about.  
I became an atheist around 6 or 7 ,I'm not sure of my exact age but I remember that I was a child and me and my mother and sister where praying at our mother direction because acording to her we where poor and needed help.  
as i kneeled and closed my eyes i didn't here or see any god.that was the point where I began to doubt  
the existence of such a being.  
I'm now in my late forties,and not only have I not found any evidence of such a being I have found and continue to find overwhelming evidence of the falsness of such a concept and way of thinking.  
by the way  
When i became an adult around 19 or 20 I moved from new york to los angles.  
I'm still poor but in the twenty years plus that I've been in los angles I've yet to find or be able to afford the type of apartments I grew up in as a child in new york.

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Advanced qeustions

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list of assertions

that whiteness is albinism

blackness due to melanin

that albinism is genetically recessive/subordinate

that the symbolic examples she cites indicate that the above facts are the causal factors  
of albinic/white peoples aggression

quantity

interdependence( logic)

independent validation or falsification  
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why is melanin dominant and its lack subordinate?

The albinization of african america

the jewish/semite historical process.

both groups were continually abused and subordinated by albinic/white people until they were  
externally indistinguishable from white/albinic people.

currently you have a group of albinic/white jews who hate their more melaninated neighbors and  
with the

essential assistance of european and american albinic/white people abuse and subordinate them.

is this the inevitable fate of african americans?

the word ghetto where most african americans are forced to live is from the word used to  
describe

where jewish people were forced to live in europe.

I wonder where their gangs of young jews who primarily killed each other

(while policed by exclusively albinic/white males who aided and perpetuated this) because they  
lived in a society and culture that placed an extreme negative value on their lives esp the males?

did they have a specific negative word for their people the way we have nigger?

did most all the women and a good portion of the men reject their hair and every other part of  
their phenotype (and cultural heritage) that did not resemble the albinic/white standard?

Ta\_Seti] Digest Number 3632

Re: Seeking Opinion Of Work Of Dr.Frances Cress Welsing "The ISIS Pa

Posted by: "yoheyman2000" yoheyman2000@ yahoo.com yoheyman2000  
Thu Dec 10, 2009 6:33 pm (PST)

@ Ginger,

Just a general comment on ISIS PAPERS.

I don't often see or hear anyone speak on this book & I am kind of suprized by that. That said I don't know that I got through the entire book but I really agreed 90% with what I did read. It just seems to touch on logistics that I don't know that I've known many to try and break down into general sort of psycho-analytical precepts of social dynamics.... I hope I said that right LOL!

I remember thinking that her breakdown of racism was the first to ever really inspire compassion in my thoughts of the whole race issue!

Where another kind of analysis would leave have me fired up wanting to shoot somebody LOL this was the first to help me see how plain & simple humanity and human nature plays such a huge role in the race issue. I didn't gell with her rather homophobic ideas but I really appreciated her general point of view.

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[Ta\_Seti] Digest Number 3631

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Posted by: "Ginger Daniels" gingerd2007@ hotmail.com gingerd2007  
Thu Dec 10, 2009 11:31 am (PST)

Then let me inform you, that was not my intention to disrespect you... even though the response was a bit "odd" to me. This is a forum for sharing information, opinions, and knowledge. So I dont understand why one would question another for asking for an opinion on a site that was put

together for that exact reason.

I use that same suspiciousness when others are interested in OUR information, but not when we are joining to build, together... which is EXACTLY what we need to be doing.

So, if I offended you my sister, then I regret that you took what I said out of context and perhaps I should have chosen different words to convey my point. At the same time, you should think about the person who initially started this topic, and how your response may have been perceived as offensive to him / her.

Thank you for your response, and peace be unto you!

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| 31595|2010-01-24 08:21:39|Peter Gray|Re: Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS|  
Sekhmet,

Did you see my previous reply to this comment about the Haitian youngster?  
Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail.com; tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 10:14:51 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"...Dessalines was prompted to slaughter all the whites in Haiti..."

Hello Peter,

that may be the reason blacks are kept "weaponless" in modern times....ROTFL! !!

I am not that familiar with the particulars of Haitian history, but when I watched the TV program last night, I was struck by a young Haitian that said Haiti was "the first black independent nation in history".

If that is really what the young Black Diasporans are being taught, we as a people have failed as educators/teachers of our own history. We need to open up our schools to more BLACK HISTORIANS that teach the truth of black history, and not the "westernized/ easternized versions"... after all, we are the Original People of the earth, in spite of the B S children are taught in school,, church or mosque today.

Sekhmet

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From: Peter Gray  
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To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:41 AM

Also remember how Napoleom deliberately killed Toussaint at Fort de Jour ... by depriving him of firewood and clothing (even his personal watch) so that he (Toussaint) eventually succumbed to fever on April 17, 1803. When the Haitian armies found out , Dessalines was prompted to slaughter all the whites in Haiti, and removed the white from the French tricolor -- which is why the Haitian flag

today is just red and blue.

Peter

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To: hebrew@erols. com; Runoko@yahoo. com  
CC: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 14:04:52 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"...myth of the liberal French!"

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I don't want to take Napoleon's quote out of context too much, but given the time he was a and messing around in Haiti (and don't forget the bozo also went to Egypt with hisworldvi about blacks) and his personal views at that time, but he was certainly speaking the language sentiments of his fellowmen... globally and throughout history apparently. But I may be b (((chuckle))) in my opinion of history and how blacks were perceived.

I think the French are as "liberal" as others....they just aim it at their own first, which is no problem for me. A "street philosopher" taught me that - It's a po' dog that can't wag his own tail.....other' s in the Diaspora should keep that in mind when they send their black martyrs West to create chaos. Our ancestors were not "invited" to relocate to the Americas or Haiti Europe.

Runoko wrote an article about the presence of blacks in Germany and Russia...and you could have knocked me over with a feather when I read it!!! Guess that "Black Russian" thing is after all.....ROTFL! !!!

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Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: "sekhmet Johnson" , Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Cc: Runoko@yahoo. com, tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 2:25 PM

You are more than welcomed! So much for the myth of the liberal FRENCH!

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**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Cc:** hebrew ; Runoko@yahoo. com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Fri, January 22, 2010 3:20:44 PM

**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"....the need to block forever the march of the blacks in the world...."

Whoooo-boyyee, unbelievable the "quotes" some people think are historically valid, but wittingly biting you in the butt later.....ROTFL! !!!

"No", I don't think it is "humorous" in the least, but it certainly puts the push for global "relations" into perspective IMNSHO. The man said "...march of the **blacks in the world...**" of puts a kabosh on any future dreams of freedom, hope and justice from the start **if** you have to be born black - West, East or anywhere else on the planet.

Sheesh, and I thought I was "seeing things from the biased perspective" of a member of the African Diaspora. Thanks for finding this Hebrew....and you too Rashidi.

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To: "Trent Hatchett"

Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 4:45 AM

**"My decision to destroy the  
authority of the blacks in  
Saint Dominque (Haiti) is not  
so much based on  
considerations of commerce  
and money, as on the need to  
block for ever the march of  
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--Napoleon Bonaparte

Todah R' Ak Runoko [Thank  
you]

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**From:** Runoko Rashidi

**To:** Runoko Rashidi ; TravelwithRunoko@ yahooogroups. com; BeliefsAndReligion@ yahooogroups. com; BuildingAfricanLibraries@ yahooogroup [s.com](http://s.com); globalafricanpresence@ yahooogroups. com; SmaiTawi@ yahooogroup s.com; SOA@ yahooogroups. com; SonsofAfrika@ yahooogroups. com; camnetwork@ yahooogro [ups.com](http://ups.com); ChatAfrik@ yahooogrou [ps.com](http://ps.com); ChatAfrique@ yahooogroups. com; Unionews@ yahooogroup s.com; UnityisKey@ yahooogro ups.com; goldengrovenabaclis@ yahooogroups. com; Abibitumikasa@ yahooogroups. com; AfricanWarriorTradition@ yahooogroups .com; TrueBlackness@ yahooogroups. com; Openyourthirdeye@

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**Sent:** Thu, January 21, 2010 11:29:14 PM

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| 31596|2010-01-24 08:30:12|Peter Gray|Re: IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS|

Sekhmet,did you see myreply to this email (sent to your personal e-mail address also)? In it, I explained what I meant by academic caliber, and can't unferstand why some of these e-mails seem to be posted multiple times.

Peter

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To: atenergy@hotmail.com; Ta\_Seti@yahogroups.com

CC: tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo.com; Runoko@yahoo.com

From: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 15:35:27 -0800

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"...indeed the first black one..(in the West)...."

Hello Peter,

I felt he was more nervous in front of the camera as he had lost some cousins, although his siblings survived the quake he is in the USA for schooling, and I wish him the best during this trying time. I was in error to judge his knowledge of history of Africans and the Diaspora at this trying time.

Pleaseclarify "teaching material of academic calibre" at least for the USA, as we are hurting for accurate African historical knowledge also. Obadele passed recently, as did Van Sertima and others with a bunch of information that somehow never reaches the masses of black people, as we are led to believe we have no "history" at all worth preserving. I know about Runoko Rashidi because I made it my mission in life to research Africans and the African Diaspora.... since we

are the "invisible people" with nothing to offer any culture except what we were told by others to "accept" as true.

Sekhmet - BTW, I send a "personal email" only because of the forum delay in posting replies; if it is problematic, just let me know - no problem.

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 12:38 PM

Well, we certainly need to have black history taught to our children, period. And to ensure that the teaching material is of academic calibre (accurate, peer-reviewed) . Ofcourse, Haiti was the second independent republic in the West, but indeed the first black one, though the Haitian youngster was wrong to say it was the first independent black "nation".

Peter

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Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 10:14:51 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail.com; tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo.com

"...Dessalines was prompted to slaughter all the whites in Haiti..."

Hello Peter,

that may be the reason blacks are kept "weaponless" in modern times....ROTFL! !!

I am not that familiar with the particulars of Haitian history, but when I watched the TV p last night, I was struck by a young Haitian that said Haiti was "the first black independent in history".

If that is really what the young Black Diasporans are being taught, we as a people have failed our educators/teachers of our own history. We need to open up our schools to more BLACK HISTORIANS that teach the truth of black history, and not the "westernized/ easternized versions"... after all, we are the Original People of the earth, in spite of the B S children are taught in school,, church or mosque today.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:41 AM

Also remember how Napoleom deliberately killed Toussaint at Fort de Jour ... by depriving him of firewood and clothing (even his personal watch) so that he (Toussaint) eventually succumbed to fever on April 17, 1803. When the Haitian armies found out , Dessalines was prompted to slaughter all the whites in Haiti, and removed the white from the French tricolor -- which is why the Haitian flag today is just red and blue.

Peter

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To: hebrew@erols. com; Runoko@yahoo. com  
CC: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 14:04:52 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"...myth of the liberal French!"

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I don't want to take Napoleon's quote out of context too much, but given the time he was a and messing around in Haiti (and don't forget the bozo also went to Egypt with hisworldvi about blacks) and his personal views at that time, but he was certainly speaking the language sentiments of his fellowmen... globally and throughout history apparently. But I may be b (((chuckle))) in my opinion of history and how blacks were perceived.

I think the French are as "liberal" as others....they just aim it at their own first, which is no problem for me. A "street philosopher" taught me that - It's a po' dog that can't wag his own tail.....other' s in the Diaspora should keep that in mind when they send their black martyrs West to create chaos. Our ancestors were not "invited" to relocate to the Americas or Haiti Europe.

Runoko wrote an article about the presence of blacks in Germany and Russia...and you could have knocked me over with a feather when I read it!!! Guess that "Black Russian" thing is after all.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/22/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: "sekhmet Johnson" , Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Cc: Runoko@yahoo. com, tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 2:25 PM

You are more than welcomed! So much for the myth of the liberal FRENCH!

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Cc:** hebrew ; Runoko@yahoo. com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Fri, January 22, 2010 3:20:44 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"....the need to block forever the march of the blacks in the world...."

Whooooo-booyee, unbelievable the "quotes" some people think are historically valid, but with biting you in the butt later.....ROTFL! !!!

"No", I don't think it is "humorous" in the least, but it certainly puts the push for global "relations" into perspective IMNSHO. The man said "...march of the **blacks in the world...**" of puts a kabosh on any future dreams of freedom, hope and justice from the start **if** you had to be born black - West, East or anywhere else on the planet.

Sheesh, and I thought I was "seeing things from the biased perspective" of a member of the African Diaspora. Thanks for finding this Hebrew....and you too Rashidi.

**Sekhmet**

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From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: "Trent Hatchett"  
Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 4:45 AM

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Todah R' Ak Runoko [Thank  
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| 31597|2010-01-24 11:24:58|Asar Imhotep|Reminder: Academic vs Street vs Good Scholarship - This Sunday on BI|

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Please join us this **Sunday January 24, 2010** for a riveting and informative discussion on our blog talk radio program **Simba Simbi**. Our discussion topic is titled Academic vs. Street vs.

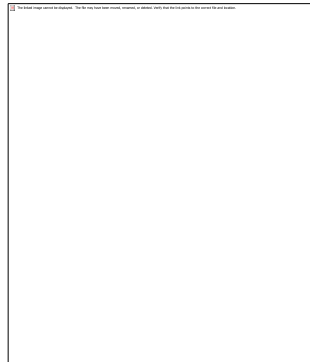
Good Scholarship. There appears to be an upsurge in the interest of African culture and history in the past year or so due to a flux of debates on videos on YouTube by young people interested in African religious, cultural and political history who deem themselves "street scholars." But has this new interest in African culture spawned a methodology that stunts the growth of the field? How can we take this fire and interest in African culture and history and make it productive? These issues and more will be discussed by our esteemed panel: **Professor Manu Ampim, Wayne B. Chandler and Dr. Wesley Muhammad**. This is the second installment of our "Advancing the Work" series. You do not want to miss this.

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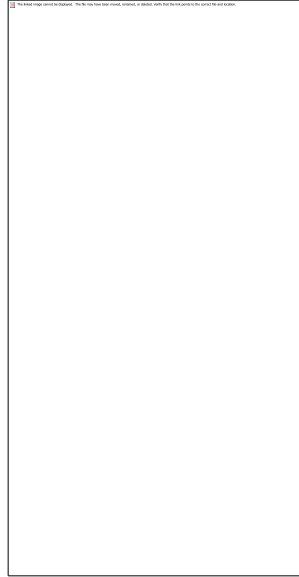
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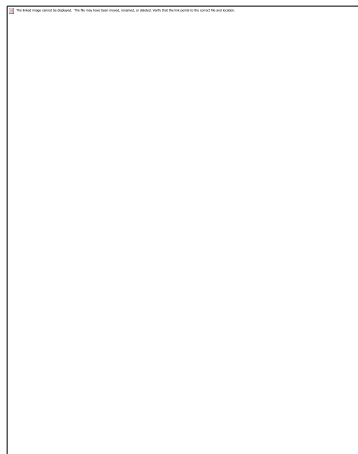


Professor Manu Ampim: is an historian and primary (first-hand) researcher specializing in African and African American history and culture. He has a B.S. in Business Management and M.A. in History/African American Studies. His master thesis, "The Revolutionary Martin Luther King, Jr." (1989) is being expanded into a two-volume work entitled, "Martin Luther King: The Evolution of a Revolutionary."

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**Wayne B. Chandler:** MS, CPH, SCE, is the author of *Ancient Future: The Teachings and Prophetic Wisdom of the Seven Hermetic Laws of Ancient Egypt* and *"The Brighter side of Darkness: A Light Warrior's Guide to Inner Alchemy and Spiritual Transformation"* (Projected Publication 2008). Chandler is an Anthro-photojournalist specializing in African and Asian civilization, philosophy and culture. From 1985 to 1995 Chandler was a regular contributor and co-author of the J.A.C. (Journal of African and Asian Civilizations), a series of books produced annually and edited by Professor Ivan Van Sertima and published by Rutgers University.  
<http://www.myspace.com/ancientfuture9>



**Dr. Wesley Muhammad:** A native of Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Williams recieved his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in Islamic Studies in 2008. He has taught at the University of

Michigan and the University of Toledo, and has presented or lectured at the University of Mainz, Germany, the University of Chicago, Duke University, Emory University, Morehouse College, Spelman College and Clark Atlanta University. Dr. Williams has several publications and his dissertation, entitled "Tajalli wa-Ru'ya: A Study of Anthropomorphic Theophany and Visio Dei in the Hebrew Bible, the Qur'an and Early Sunni Islam," argued that the Islamic sources (Qur'an, Hadith, Sunni textual tradition for the 9th-12th centuries) give evidence of a tradition of transcendent anthropomorphism and visual theophany not unlike that found more clearly articulated in the Hebrew Bible.

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| 31598|2010-01-25 07:52:24|Peter Gray|Re: Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations|

Good point about the difference between the US Red Cross and the Haitian RC. I guess I should Google the latter to direct any financial contribution there.

Peter

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Date: Sun, 24 Jan 2010 09:40:01 -0800

From: pookynem2@yahoo.com

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

CC: jazmee324@yahoo.com; tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo.com

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Just like the Red Cross got "caught", so will he and any other organization that doesn't get those people help NOW.

I lived next door to a corporate office of the Red Cross, and it was a joke IMO. But people need to understand that the American Red Cross and the International Red Cross are separate entities....Haitian Red Cross has boots on the ground in Haiti, and always have. So if some people still want to give to the "red cross"....I can understand; just make sure it is the Haitian Red Cross they are giving to. Surely they have a separate email donation address since everything is done online nowadays.

**This is just my 2 cents opinion** before anyone wants to "slam" me....LOL!!! Tafari and others

have suggested other organizations to donate to....no problem.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10**, **cece** wrote:

From: cece

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:42 AM

i agree with not giving to Red cross 1000 percent. i worked at a social service agency in houston when the Katrina people came, most of them told me how they had the hardest time trying to get help, money, clothes, etc from REd cross giving them Red tape. i know that they (red cross) gave a lot of that money/merchandise, etc to folks who did not come from new orleans and officials pocketed that money.

why are the news media, bill clinton, and that haiti concert last night is telling folks to give to Red cross? i gave 25.00 a piece last week to : yele - wyclef foundation, unicef and catholic charties. this week they accued wyclef of stealing from his own foundation, he did a press conference and broke down crying. wyclef appeared on Oprah, admitted that he or his folks did not file income tax in a few years??? that people were attacking him because he was raising a million dollars a day for his organization and he was the only one out there picking dead bodies out of the ruins. i was so touched by him and his beautiful black wife.

--- In [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com), sekhmet Johnson wrote:

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> Hello Tafari, I copied the article below and thanks for the link, I am simply overwhelmed with the continuous victimiza tion of black people by...everybody! ! I concur that the Katrina Debacle was "man made" by the way, and we should be very cautious who we make donations to. I have another "list" of groups from another site, but have no way of checking to see if they (the groups mentioned) are legitimate or not. PLEASE NOTE...all of the "bold type" within the article is mine and NOT the original author's. -Sekhmet

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> Haiti, Katrina, and Why I Won't Give To Haiti Through the Red Cross

> By Bruce A. Dixon

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> At Katrina, the Red Cross used funds generously donated by millions of Americans to implement what many knew at the time was, and what has turned out to be the dispersal of much of black New Orleans to the four corners of the continental US. If the Red Cross didn't respect the persons, the families, the communities of black US citizens, do we really imagine it will respect Haitians.

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> What's charitably given isn't always charitably distributed. In 21st century American and its empire, our corporate and military elite wield immense power, including the power. Corporate philanthropy serves corporate interests, not human interests, and corporate control over government, culture and media ensure that even funds donated by ordinary citizens can be directed and harvested for elite purposes too.

> In the wake of the man-made disaster of Katrina, Americans freely gave tens of millions to the American Red Cross, which used a great deal of it to effectively disperse the population of black New Orleans to the four corners of the continental U.S. Millions more were diverted to their administrative overhead or other projects. But the local Louisiana elites who benefited from the exile of hundreds of thousands of black New Orleans residents were able to use Red Cross funds and personnel to work their will.

> I know. I was there. In the days immediately after Katrina in 2005 I made it down to Baton Rouge, where thousands of the evacuees pulled out of the water and scooped off rooftops and overpasses were huddled in shelters at the city's convention center and Southern University. The shelters were hard to miss, because there was a mile long line of buses crawling toward each one. The busiest person in each shelter was the transportation coordinator.

> If an evacuee had a high status job, proof of ID and checkable references, I saw them put plane tickets for the whole family in that person's hand, line up a job in Detroit or Los Angeles, and call them a cab to the airport. But for everybody else without a car, they had one solution. Get on the bus. There would be no way back, and no plans to help you go back. There's a bus for you, going to Dallas or Houston or somewhere.

> Singly and in groups I interviewed just under a hundred evacuees in a day and a half, many still disoriented. They wanted to be reunited with their families. They wondered if they'd be able to go back, or if there would be anything to go back to. But all the Red Cross told them, I heard again and again, was that the shelter is closing in a couple of days, you can't stay here in Baton Rouge, you have to get on a bus to Houston, Dallas, Atlanta or somewhere. Now. Even those who had businesses before the flood --- I talked to the owner of a bakery and a car repair shop who stayed to protect their investment and to look after relatives --- even they were told there's nothing here for you but a bus going out of state.

> I talked to some of the Red Cross people who ran the shelter too, especially at Southern University. I recall asking them how they knew people had nothing in New Orleans to go back to. They were white, of course and most of the sheltered evacuees were black. "Look at them," was the stock answer from several. "What could they possibly have worth going back to? They are better off starting new lives somewhere else," they rationalized. They also cited news stories in wide circulation about New



Orleans residents firing on helicopters and boats that were rescuing people, reports that later were proven false. I told them they were likely to be untrue, but they wanted very badly to believe, and they did.

> I recall pointing out that if they were dispersed far out of state many would have no way back, but with one or two impressions, this had little effect on their conclusion. One or two, I remember, seemed to struggle with what I told them, and said they hoped it was not true, but they were just doing their jobs.

> My point here is that in a society controlled by an elite with often questionable motives, the charities this corporate elite and their media promote have to be questioned too. I won't give a nickel through the Red Cross because they are no more likely to recognize the viability and full humanity of Haitians and their communities than did on the Gulf Coast. The Red Cross isn't alone in this.

> The US government, as Glen Ford points out, has thoroughly militarized US aid to Haiti, and the same US corporate media that painted New Orleans as a cesspool of violence and despair are bringing us images and impressions of Haiti that match their twisted vision. Food and water cannot be distributed until "order" is restored.

> Corporate media manufactures "celebrities" all the time, people who are famous for being well known, and about whose lives we know more than we know about the public affairs in our own cities and towns and school boards. Haitian musician Wyclef Jean used his celebrity, and the earthquake, to raise millions for his own Haitian charity.

> We make no judgment on the allegations that its bookkeeping may be irregular. But it's worth noting that Wyclef Jean has family ties to the group of gangsters and thugs that the Clinton-era CIA installed in office when it removed Haiti's elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide from office in the 1990s. Wyclef Jean has repeated the contemptible lie all over black radio that Aristide skipped the country with \$900 million stolen from Haitians. We understand where this comes from [1]. Wyclef's uncle was the Washington DC representative of the short-lived un-elected gangster governments of Haiti, and runs a right wing rag of a Haitian newspaper dedicated to spreading outrageous and self-serving falsehoods against Lavalas, the only Haitian party capable of winning free elections in that unhappy country.

> If Wyclef will lie about that, we wonder what else he'd lie about, and why we should trust him with our money.

> Wyclef's problems aside, one way to ensure your donations are deployed and used in a manner faithful to your intent, and respectful of the Haitian rights to community, humanity and agency, is to send them to efforts managed in whole or in part by responsible Haitians, and members of the Haitian diaspora.

> Here are a few of the places to donate that we recommend, people whom we and those close to us can vouch for personally. Give generously, as we understand aftershocks are continuing to occur. There are many others. But not the Red Cross. Probably not anybody whose name you see on CNN. Or on BET. Our apologies to the great people we haven't mentioned. Use the comments to add more recommendations of authentic, grassroots, responsible places for people to donate. Our comments are moderated, of course.

> Scattering Resources • Online donations via PayPal [2]

> Scattering Resources is working in cooperation with Fondation Avenir [3] in on-the-

ground relief efforts in Haiti. Members of Scattering Resources help comprise a team that delivering supplies and assessing the situation in local communities inside Port-au-Prince and Jacmel.

> Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network [4]

> HLLN is connected with networks of Haitian doctors and others abroad, and with care providers on the ground in Haiti.

> And of course the National Nurses Organization [5] will let you volunteer (if you're an RN) to go yourself, or donate to sponsor an RN. Check them out at

<http://www.sendanurse.org> [6]

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> --- On Wed, 1/20/10, Tafari khumbaka wrote:

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> From: Tafari khumbaka

> Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations

> To: [maatcollective@yahoogroups.com](mailto:maatcollective@yahoogroups.com)

> Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2010, 5:26 PM

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Date of Birth

26 July 1964, Arlington, Virginia, USA

**Birth Name**

Sandra Annette Bullock

**Nickname**

Sandy

**Height**

5' 7" (1.71 m)

**Mini Biography**

Born in a Virginia suburb of Washington, DC, to a German opera singer and a voice teacher, Sandra Bullock grew up on the road with her parents and younger sister. She often performed in the children's chorus of whatever production her mother was in. That singing talent later came in handy for her role as an aspiring country singer in [The Thing Called Love](#) (1993). Her family moved back to the Washington area when she was a teenager. She later enrolled in E. Carolina University in North Carolina, where she studied acting. Shortly afterward she moved to New York to pursue a career on the stage. This led to acting in television programs and then feature films. She gave memorable performances in [Demolition Man](#) (1993) and [Wrestling Ernest Hemingway](#) (1993), but did not achieve the stardom that seemed inevitable for her until her work in the smash hit [Speed](#) (1994/I). She now ranks as one of the most popular actresses in Hollywood.

**IMDb Mini Biography By:** [David Montgomery](#)

**Trivia**

Her mother, opera singer [Helga Bullock](#), died in Arlington, VA. [April 4, 2000]

On People (USA) magazine's '50 Most Beautiful' list.  
[1999]

Ranked #58 in Empire (UK) magazine's "The Top 100 Movie Stars of All Time" list. [October 1997]

Chosen by People (USA) magazine as one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world [1996]

While working on [Two If by Sea](#) (1996), discovered she is allergic to horses.

She replaced [Demi Moore](#) in [While You Were Sleeping](#) (1995)

Wrote and performed her own song "Heaven Knocking On My Door" in [The Thing Called Love](#) (1993).

Replaced [Lori Petty](#) in [Demolition Man](#) (1993).

Daughter of a German opera singer and an American voice coach.

Attended East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

Graduated from Washington-Lee HS in Arlington, Virginia in 1982.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:42 AM

i agree with not giving to Red cross 1000 percent. i worked at a social service agency in houston when the Katrina people came, most of them told me how they had the hardest time trying to get help, money, clothes, etc from REd cross giving them Red tape. i know that they (red cross) gave a lot of that money/merchandise, etc to folks who did not come from new orleans and officials pocketed that money.

why are the news media, bill clinton, and that haiti concert last night is telling folks to give to Red cross? i gave 25.00 a piece last week to : yele - wyclef foundation, unicef and catholic charties. this week they accued wyclef of stealing from his own foundation, he did a press conference and broke down crying. wyclef appeared on Oprah, admitted that he or his folks did not file income tax in a few years??? that people were attacking him because he was raising a million dollars a day for his organization and he was the only one out there picking dead bodies out of the ruins. i was so touched by him and his beautiful black wife.

--- In [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups .com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com), sekhmet Johnson wrote:

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> Hello Tafari, I copied the article below and thanks for the link, I am simply overwhelmed with the continuous victimiza tion of black people by...everybody! ! I concur that the Katrina Debacle was "man made" by the way, and we should be very cautious who we make donations to. I have another "list" of groups from another site, but have no way of checking to see if they (the groups mentioned) are legitimate or not. PLEASE NOTE...all of the "bold type" within the article is mine and NOT the original author's. -Sekhmet

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> Haiti, Katrina, and Why I Won't Give To Haiti Through the Red Cross

> By Bruce A. Dixon

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> At Katrina, the Red Cross used funds generously donated by millions of Americans to implement what many knew at the time was, and what has turned out to be the dispersal of much of black New Orleans to the four corners of the continental US. If the Red Cross didn't respect the persons, the families, the communities of black US citizens, do we really imagine it will respect Haitians.

> Haiti, Katrina, and Why I Won't Give To Haiti Through the Red Cross

> by BAR managing editor Bruce A. Dixon

> What's charitably given isn't always charitably distributed. In 21st century American and its empire, our corporate and military elite wield immense power, including the power. Corporate philanthropy serves corporate interests, not human interests, and corporate control over government, culture and media ensure that even funds donated by ordinary citizens can be directed and harvested for elite purposes too.

> In the wake of the man-made disaster of Katrina, Americans freely gave tens of millions to the American Red Cross, which used a great deal of it to effectively disperse the population of black New Orleans to the four corners of the continental U.S. Millions more were diverted to their administrative overhead or other projects. But the local Louisiana elites who benefited from the exile of hundreds of thousands of black New Orleans residents were able to use Red Cross funds and personnel to work their will.

> I know. I was there. In the days immediately after Katrina in 2005 I made it down to Baton Rouge, where thousands of the evacuees pulled out of the water and scooped off rooftops and overpasses were huddled in shelters at the city's convention center and Southern University. The shelters were hard to miss, because there was a mile long line of buses crawling toward each one. The busiest person in each shelter was the transportation coordinator.

> If an evacuee had a high status job, proof of ID and checkable references, I saw them put plane tickets for the whole family in that person's hand, line up a job in Detroit or Los Angeles, and call them a cab to the airport. But for everybody else without a car, they had one solution. Get on the bus. There would be no way back, and no plans to help you go back. There's a bus for you, going to Dallas or Houston or somewhere.

> Singly and in groups I interviewed just under a hundred evacuees in a day and a half, many still disoriented. They wanted to be reunited with their families. They wondered if they'd be able to go back, or if there would be anything to go back to. But all the Red Cross told them, I heard again and again, was that the shelter is closing in a couple of days, you can't stay here in Baton Rouge, you have to get on a bus to Houston, Dallas, Atlanta or somewhere. Now. Even those who had businesses before the flood --- I talked to the owner of a bakery and a car repair shop who stayed to protect their investment and to look after relatives --- even they were told there's nothing here for you but a bus going out of state.

> I talked to some of the Red Cross people who ran the shelter too, especially at Southern University. I recall asking them how they knew people had nothing in New

Orleans to go back to. They were white, of course and most of the sheltered evacuees were black. “Look at them,” was the stock answer from several. “What could they possibly have worth going back to? They are better off starting new lives somewhere else,” they rationalized. They also cited news stories in wide circulation about New Orleans residents firing on helicopters and boats that were rescuing people, reports that later were proven false. I told them they were likely to be untrue, but they wanted very badly to believe, and they did.

> I recall pointing out that if they were dispersed far out of state many would have no way back, but with one or two impressions, this had little effect on their conclusion. One or two, I remember, seemed to struggle with what I told them, and said they hoped it was not true, but they were just doing their jobs.

> My point here is that in a society controlled by an elite with often questionable motives, the charities this corporate elite and their media promote have to be questioned too. I won't give a nickel through the Red Cross because they are no more likely to recognize the viability and full humanity of Haitians and their communities than did on the Gulf Coast. The Red Cross isn't alone in this.

> The US government, as Glen Ford points out, has thoroughly militarized US aid to Haiti, and the same US corporate media that painted New Orleans as a cesspool of violence and despair are bringing us images and impressions of Haiti that match their twisted vision. Food and water cannot be distributed until “order” is restored.

> Corporate media manufactures “celebrities” all the time, people who are famous for being well known, and about whose lives we know more than we know about the public affairs in our own cities and towns and school boards. Haitian musician Wyclef Jean used his celebrity, and the earthquake, to raise millions for his own Haitian charity.

> We make no judgment on the allegations that its bookkeeping may be irregular. But it's worth noting that Wyclef Jean has family ties to the group of gangsters and thugs that the Clinton-era CIA installed in office when it removed Haiti's elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide from office in the 1990s. Wyclef Jean has repeated the contemptible lie all over black radio that Aristide skipped the country with \$900 million stolen from Haitians. We understand where this comes from [1]. Wyclef's uncle was the Washington DC representative of the short-lived un-elected gangster governments of Haiti, and runs a right wing rag of a Haitian newspaper dedicated to spreading outrageous and self-serving falsehoods against Lavalas, the only Haitian party capable of winning free elections in that unhappy country.

> If Wyclef will lie about that, we wonder what else he'd lie about, and why we should trust him with our money.

> Wyclef's problems aside, one way to ensure your donations are deployed and used in a manner faithful to your intent, and respectful of the Haitian rights to community, humanity and agency, is to send them to efforts managed in whole or in part by responsible Haitians, and members of the Haitian diaspora.

> Here are a few of the places to donate that we recommend, people whom we and those close to us can vouch for personally. Give generously, as we understand aftershocks are continuing to occur. There are many others. But not the Red Cross. Probably not anybody whose name you see on CNN. Or on BET. Our apologies to the great people we haven't mentioned. Use the comments to add more recommendations



of authentic, grassroots, responsible places for people to donate. Our comments are moderated, of course.

> Scattering Resources • Online donations via PayPal [2]

> Scattering Resources is working in cooperation with Fondation Avenir [3] in on-the-ground relief efforts in Haiti. Members of Scattering Resources help comprise a team that delivering supplies and assessing the situation in local communities inside Port-au-Prince and Jacmel.

> Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network [4]

> HLLN is connected with networks of Haitian doctors and others abroad, and with care providers on the ground in Haiti.

> And of course the National Nurses Organization [5] will let you volunteer (if you're an RN) to go yourself, or donate to sponsor an RN. Check them out at

<http://www.sendanurse.org> [6]

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Take care, - Sekhmet

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this is my first time seeing this. scott is a washed up, nobody who isn't working , has made any movies. i'm really getting tired of nonblack people "hating" on us and when get called on it; they start talking about having a Black person has a best friend.

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> Message from sender: Sheesh.....He picks the worst pic of a beautiful woman and wonders why he got threatened? Can we say Bozo?

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## Obama on Twitter

> BY Rich Schapiro

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> Smialowski; Brown/Getty Scott Baio is under fire for mocking First Lady Michelle Obama on Twitter.

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> Twitpic.com' WOW He wakes up to this every morning,' Baio wrote alongside a photo of the First Lady.

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> Ex-"Happy Days" star Scott Baio says he's received a barrage of death threats after he mocked Michelle Obama on Twitter.

> Baio, 48, posted an unflattering picture of the First Lady on Tuesday accompanied by some even more unflattering remarks.

> "WOW He wakes up to this every morning," Baio tweeted.

> In minutes, the former "Charles in Charge" star received a slew of angry comments.

> Some were on the playful side: "Well she's still better looking than your doughy looking a--."

> Others were downright frightening.

> "Easy to find your house Scottie boy and finish YOU," one person wrote. "I am a republican and I love Mrs O."

> Baio backtracked immediately, saying he's not a racist. His wife's best friend is black.

> The reality TV star and vocal Republican even posted a picture of the woman and implored his detractors to back off.

> "For New followers: I POST A LOT OF JOKES WITH PICS," Baio wrote. "They are JUST that, a joke. NOT targeting anyone. Laughter IS the best medicine."

> The brouhaha prompted Baio to contact the FBI and scores of people to begin following him on Twitter.

> "Because people love to hate," Baio said.

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> Read more: <http://www.nydailynews.com/gossip/2010/01/21/2010-01-21-scott-baio-attacked-with-death-threats-after-posting-unflattering-photo-of-miche.html#ixzz0dOFdwOWg>

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| 31602|2010-01-25 13:32:51|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti: Cheated in the Name of Profit|  
It is kind of difficult to "rebuild" when you didn't HAVE anything to start with; so the "blame game" goes around in circles and accomplishes nothing. So please read this article and the "comments" to it as one poster also included some additional sites where aid can be sent as well. This is going to take years to repair if not decades, so the usual "brain drain" of educated

Haitians can settle in for the long term and (politics aside) hope younger Haitians stay and help in the re-building effort. -Sekhmet

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# **A Nation Cheated in the Name of Profit Must Now Rebuild**

by Barbara Rhine

We were eating dinner in Port-au-Prince, Haiti on Jan. 12 when the earthquake struck. As Californians we knew the meaning of the distorted room with plates sliding from the table and pictures tumbling from the wall. We grabbed hands and ran outside. The building held, unlike countless others nearby, and we were uninjured.

We spent the night and next day treating people's wounds in our host's courtyard and in adjoining streets. We used what we had at hand - rubbing alcohol, hydrogen peroxide, gauze pads, anti-bacterial soap, Vicodin and splints made from pieces of wood and torn undershirts.

We saw Haitian people pull their fellow citizens out of rubble, construct makeshift shelters and cooperate to secure the necessities of life. We did not see Haitian police or U.N. forces - who had already been mobilized for years - direct traffic, provide supplies or perform any other useful social function. Trained medical care was nonexistent, as was municipal electricity.

Hundreds slept in the street, singing throughout the dark nights. The second night was quieter than the first, until crowds ran up the street because they were afraid the ocean was coming. Our host went out and spoke with them, and eventually they went back down the hill. Throughout, we witnessed no violence.

In the middle of the second day, we piled into a vehicle and headed for the American Embassy. On the way, we were caught in a huge traffic jam caused by a mobbed gas station. Civilians, all men, were yelling, directing vehicles to move as little as an inch one way or the other.

Haitian citizens unraveled the knot without a single scratch to a car or truck. We reached our destination and were evacuated late in the night by military transport. Remember Loma Prieta in 1989? A 6.9 on the Richter scale compared to 7.0 in Haiti. Fifteen to 20 seconds, while Port-au-Prince lasted an endless 35 to 40 seconds. Loma Prieta's epicenter was about 40 miles from downtown San Francisco, and 11 miles deep.

In Port-au-Prince, the epicenter was half as far, and only eight miles down. By the usual measurements, the Haiti quake was the worst of the two.

But what explains this contrast? Sixty-three deaths in Loma Prieta versus at least 100,000 in Haiti, with the number still rising.

Transpose Loma Prieta to a city with no consistent building standards, no effective primary health care, no reliable electricity, no system to deliver potable water to everyone, and no emergency response system. That is Port-au-Prince.

An earthquake cannot be prevented, but this one was so deadly because of a failure of human will. An hour and a half by air from our shores, the descendants of slaves who built so much American wealth live in these wretched conditions because of economic exploitation and neglect by the United States, the French and the Haitian elite. This is the unconscionable truth that so magnified the dire effects of this temblor.

I write this one week after the quake, and those to whom we have spoken in Haiti have not yet received water, food or medical care from the rescuers. As of the middle of last week, CNN's coverage indicated there were still people within a mile of the airport who had not gotten medical care.

Some planes from Doctors Without Borders and other effective humanitarian providers have been turned away and forced to take a time-consuming route through the Dominican Republic. One Haitian friend has told us people came and took her relatives' names but provided no help.

Why is this? "Security" trumps humanitarian assistance when people are pathologized for being hungry, frightened and in pain. Assessing the need takes precedence over meeting it. People die "stupid deaths," as CNN has put it. And so the thoughtless neglect continues.

As for exploitation, who will profit from the rebuilding of Port-au-Prince? Halliburton, as the company has in the past in Haiti?

Port-au-Prince before the quake was the embodiment of defunded government, privatization or nonexistence of essential services, degradation of public space, and a people cheated out of democracy, all in the name of profit.

The first popularly elected president in Haitian history, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, exiled with U.S. complicity, is to this day denied a passport to return to his own country.

This debacle, inconsistent with defining American values, must not be allowed to continue. We owe it to Haiti to rebuild a livable city, using Haitian labor paid a living wage. Otherwise, we compound nature's injury with inexcusable human malice and ineptitude. We can do better than this, and we must.

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Barbara Rhine is a practicing attorney in Oakland and a former law professor at Golden Gate University. She, her husband and daughter were in Haiti when the earthquake struck. For those who wish to help she recommends supporting Haiti Emergency Relief Fund at [www.HaitiAction.net](http://www.HaitiAction.net), an organization cofounded by her husband in 2004.

## 4 Comments

eze-flyer January 24th, 2010 3:09 pm

The Haitian Ambassador was impressive. Their puppet President seems like a douchebag.

phoenix20 January 24th, 2010 2:18 pm

"We owe it to Haiti to rebuild a livable city." Aye, but who will live in it, and how will they make a living there? Using Haitian labor to rebuild (as didn't happen in New Orleans) is but the beginning of this. When Haiti is re-build, what will its people find?

My local paper carries today a syndicated story from the Washington Post citing Obama's call for expanded donations and a mass rehabilitation of the country that will take years to complete.

The article also cites the Rand Corporation "global health director" to the effect that the crisis presents new "opportunities" for total rebuilding and mentions that former Presidents Clinton and Bush have been dispatched to Haiti to begin the planning for redevelopment. If the notorious Rand Corp, most of whose "think tanking" has centered around thinking of ways of maintaining "security," and the two ex-Presidents who presided over the last 16 years of neo-liberal plundering of Haiti in the interest of American corporations, are to be the harbingers of this development, God help the "new" Haiti that will arise from the rubble of the old one.

Yes, the "new" will certainly be different than the old one, but in HUMAN terms, how much better will it be?

My guess is that this "new" Haiti will be very like the one planned for Sri Lanka after the tsunami there---or for New Orleans after Katrina--a gentrification of the economy based on a tourist industry that sweeps aside the same Haitian people who have been impoverished by global market destructive forces like the "free trade" that dumped U.S. rice in Haiti and deprived Haitian farmers of a livelihood. Unless you're a bartender, tour guide, sex worker or a costumed native dancer, or perhaps a cook, gardener or nanny for the wealthy of the world who will re-locate in this "new" Haiti, you'll be out of luck. And just as in Sri Lanka, where they cleared the beaches of poor people to allow for waterfront "development," those who are swept aside will be "relocated" in barracks which will attract the "security" attention of American firms already salivating over prospects of new policing contracts in the country.

Yes, Haiti will be rebuilt and it will be different than the "old" one, but in HUMAN terms, how much better will it be?

tremaine January 24th, 2010 12:27 pm

Wow, the Haitian President can't get a passport to go to Haiti. Sounds like there has been just a wee bit too much foreign intervention and exploitation in Haiti. A President not being able to get a passport so he can go to his own country is just a little over the top, don't you think? Why hasn't Hillary Clinton taken care of this,? laugh out loud. So in the wake of gross interference the people of the intervening countries are financially on the hook when disasters strike and the losses are magnified due to the interventions? Apparently so. Technically, earthquake donations can be thought of as payments to offset the extra Quake damage and loss due to the effects of the excessive intervention.

Nice summary here but the author is squeamish about mentioning that Haitian dissenters, who for one thing wanted to have a government much more ready for a Quake, have simply been murdered by their government over the years with many more dissenters imprisoned, at least until the Quake freed them.

Meanwhile, the actual Haitian government installed by foreigners was quite content to range from counterproductive to deadly in normal times, and then was completely irrelevant and worthless after a big Quake.

I actually prefer the irrelevant version to the counterproductive version.

gdgoodman January 24th, 2010 12:15 pm

If adequate "security" from all that security could be supplied Aristide he ought to be



returned and face his charges, if any after this disaster. The coup must end.

They need a real leader.

Meanwhile the dying goes on...

American Friends Service Committee <http://www.afsc.org/>

American Red Cross: <http://www.redcross.org/>

Artists for Peace and Justice: <http://www.artistsforpeaceandjustice.com/>

NetHope: <http://www.nethope.org/>

Lambi Fund for Haiti: <http://www.lambifund.org/>

Save the Children: <http://www.savethechildren.org/>

World Vision International: <http://wvi.org/wvi/wviweb.nsf>

Care: <http://www.care.org/index.asp>

MercyCorps: <http://www.mercycorps.org/>

Partners in Health: [http://twitter.com/PIH\\_org](http://twitter.com/PIH_org)

Unicef: <http://www.unicef.org/>

Doctors Without Borders: <http://doctorswithoutborders.org/>

Partners in Health: <http://www.standwithhaiti.org/haiti>

Oxfam: <http://www.oxfam.org/en/pressroom/pressrelease/2010-01-13/large-earthquake-haiti>

RN Response Network: [https://secure.gal.org/05/rnrn\\_relief\\_fund](https://secure.gal.org/05/rnrn_relief_fund)

National Nurses United has launched a relief effort to send over 7,000 registered nurses to Haiti. There's just one problem: the cost of sending them. Please donate today at [www.SendANurse.org](http://www.SendANurse.org). Every dollar you donate goes toward the resources nurses need to care for the survivors of this tragedy.

Pass it on.

Gary

| 31603|2010-01-25 13:32:51|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fw: The Truth About Harold Ford Jr.|

Hello Tafari,

as usual...LOL!!!!...I can't get the video, so I have no idea what the problem is supposed to be with Ford, Jr. in the video. I copied an article (below) about him, so maybe it is because he's a Democrat maybe? -Sekhmet

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## **Ford could use an idiot's guide: Harold Ford Jr. doesn't seem to understand New York**

[Errol Louis](#)

Sunday, January 24th 2010, 4:00 AM

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Harold Ford's problems in trying to unseat Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand go way beyond his amusing, near-total ignorance of New York's geography, culture and politics.

The doors shutting in the face of the newcomer from Tennessee are being slammed by activists who have every right to wonder where Ford has been the last few years, as ferocious battles over serious issues were taking place.

We've weathered major ethics scandals in Albany and City Hall, a pitched battle over the city's term-limits law and a proposal to toll the bridges.

We've seen fights throughout the boroughs over factory closings, development projects, ongoing conflicts about charter schools and a simmering crisis of affordability gnawing away at a vanishing middle class.

Ford, likely candidate for the U.S. Senate, has been spotted on no barricades during his approximately 36 months as a New Yorker.

We do know, however, thanks to a New York Times interview, that the Memphis native makes about a million bucks a year, gets frequent pedicures, eats breakfast daily at the ritzy Regency hotel on Park Ave., and avoids the subway unless he can't get a limo ride or catch a cab.

We know that he has been to Staten Island once, when a helicopter taking him on a private tour touched down. And according to a recent op-ed by Ford, the would-be candidate and his young bride "proudly call lower Manhattan home," apparently unaware that their Flatiron District home is a couple miles north of where he thinks.

From one point of view, this is all harmless hilarity, endless grist for the jokesters in the press corps who write skits about New York's political scene for the annual Inner Circle banquet.

But not everybody's laughing.

"He cannot be allowed to become our senator," says gay activist Jon Winkleman, quoted in the Huffington Post. "We're taking this man down by any means necessary."

What incenses advocates of same-sex marriage is Ford's votes and statements on the issue as recently as 2006.

"I oppose gay marriage, and have voted twice in Congress to amend the United States Constitution to prohibit same-sex marriage," he said then. Now he claims to favor civil unions for gays.

Say what you want about Gillibrand, at least the upstater has hit the ground running, meeting nonstop with union leaders and civic activists and pushing forward on their issues.

Ford can't say the same.

That's partly why Judith Hope, the former chairwoman of the state Democratic Committee, is circulating an open letter, signed by hundreds of activists, elected officials and others, that blasts Ford for double-talk on the issue of abortion.

"When it suited your political ambitions in 2006, you stated clearly that you are 'pro-life' and that you 'don't run from that,'" the letter says. "You have not been straight with us and you are not an advocate of a woman's right to choose. Sen. Gillibrand is our champion."

Among the signatories is City Councilwoman Letitia James, Assemblywoman Crystal Peoples

and state Sens. Liz Krueger and Andrea Stewart-Cousins. But most of the hundreds of other signatures are from citizen-activists who take their issues seriously.

Ford says he's just trying to offer New Yorkers a choice. No problem. But he shouldn't be surprised if the choice is for a serious candidate with roots and a record here.

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Read more: [http://www.nydailynews.com/opinions/2010/01/24/2010-01-24\\_ford\\_could\\_use\\_an\\_idiots\\_guide.html#ixzz0dYo7SqYw](http://www.nydailynews.com/opinions/2010/01/24/2010-01-24_ford_could_use_an_idiots_guide.html#ixzz0dYo7SqYw)

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--- On **Wed, 1/20/10, Mensa Neru** [cpas\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:cpas_usa@yahoo.com) wrote:

Here's an interesting commentary on "Memphis' own" Harold Ford Jr. Another black political corporate shill for big business in this country. It seem unfathomable to me to believe that the Obamas and Fords and their like are what so many of our ancestors struggled and died

for in our battle for liberation here in the USA. So sad.



**Harold Ford Jr.**

[http://media.libsyn.com/media/blackagendareport/20100113\\_gf\\_HaroldFord.mp3](http://media.libsyn.com/media/blackagendareport/20100113_gf_HaroldFord.mp3)

**Men Sa Hai Neru**

| 31604|2010-01-25 13:33:07|sekhmet Johnson|Re: FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans |

Hello Cece,

I don't think much of Robertson or his "ministry", but thanks for the info about his interests in a diamond mine in Zaire. (((shaking my head))) It seems Mother Africa can't hold onto anything of value.

Sekhmet

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i cannot think of haiti's ambassador to the united states name but he is a very proud, distinguished and handsome older gentlemen. he came on msnbc last week with rachel maddow to explain that this haiti voodoo that pat robertson said was incorrect and a myth. pat robertson should be ashamed of himself, i have given to his ministry. he is involved with a diamond mine in zaire, uses the money to fund his CBN, and is a friend to the dictator Mobutu who kills/torture his people. pat robertson suppose to be a christian but does nothing to help those poor people and is not doing humanitarian work but is fattening his wallet.

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> --- On Thu, 1/21/10, Peter Gray wrote:

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> From: Peter Gray

> Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

> To: "Marc Washington" <[ta\\_seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:ta_seti@yahoogroups.com)>

> Date: Thursday, January 21, 2010, 5:59 PM

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> The analogy: "blamibng the Jews for the Holocaust" is a good one.

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> To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

> From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

> Date: Mon, 18 Jan 2010 18:23:54 -0800

> Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

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> "...like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust... "

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> Hello Shri Sa,

> that is what I was thinking initially, and as usual, the nimrod had to put a religious "spin" on the blame, i.e. "cursed" Africans. Africans are no more cursed than any other ethnic group that has lost their "moral center" as caring beings.

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> I believe the Haitians will once again thrive as a nation once they get past the current crisis point in two to three weeks, as long as they don't have another major natural

disaster. The DISinformation "experts" always crawl out from under their rocks when they have nothing positive to say nor can they reach out to support the neediest at this time without some outside support.

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> Sekhmet

> P.S. - I send an individual personal email sometimes because of the delay in posts to the forum; if this is problematic for anyone, just let me know.

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> --- On Mon, 1/18/10, Shri Sa Hetep wrote:

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> From: Shri Sa Hetep

> Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

> To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

> Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 4:19 PM

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> That is like blaming the Jews for the Holocaust. Jews did not leave their religion and/or spiritual practices behind after their tragedy, why should Haitians? I only hope Haitians come back a success, just like the Jewish people did.

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> From: zeecharan

> To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

> Sent: Mon, January 18, 2010 8:19:58 AM

> Subject: [Ta\_Seti] FYI: Haitian Consul General blames voodoo and "cursed" Africans for earthquakel

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> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ginkARhgvE>

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> This 20 sec youtube clip was sent to me, if it's genuine then it's clearest depiction of colonial mentality and shows just how important this listserve is.

> The Haitian consul l sounding just like a redneck slaveowner blaming Haitians -

black ones for the earthquake.

> Reminds me of the contempt light skinned 'I'm not black I'm european' Jamaicans had for the problems faced by the african JA diaspora in racist UK back in the day.

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> zeech (mixed but not confused)

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| 31605|2010-01-25 13:33:16|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation|

"...read carefully....we often agree..."

Hello Peter,

maybe it is how/the order in which I read the posts...sorry. Sometimes I read latest, and sometimes earliest first, some posts go to my spam folder. It gets a bit confusing even for me...LOL!!! So I started using "names" and sending a personal email to the original poster....just to keep things/replies straight. I hope it doesn't cause anyone a problem doing it that way....not you Peter, I got your reply already....thanks.

"Agola" appears to have been thinking that I was a "moderator" but that has been resolved, I am the "newby" on the forum and still learning forum protocol.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sun, 1/24/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Sunday, January 24, 2010, 10:07 AM

No, I'm not. Just follow the sequence of the thread below to see that I have been responding to your replies consistently, referencing statements/comments that you made. There is no gap where I fell behind. And if you read carefully, you'll see that we often agree.

Peter

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To: atenergy@hotmail.com; Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
CC: pookynem2@yahoo.com; tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 22:05:35 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

Alright Peter....but I still think you are "behind" in reading posts and making replies...at least to me.

I am going by MEDIA reports of what is going on in with the "mission" in Haiti. The military(s) are doing a helluva job regardless of what the talking heads are saying. (And BTW, there is no gross Haitian criminal activity going on at this time, basically because the people are too traumatized. ...even the "criminals" that escaped from prison.)

"...thank God we have Obama now..."

Blessed be...

the offspring of the African Diaspora is the Commander and Chief....let's be "real" about his white mother; white folks and I still adhere to the "one drop rule"; and he is one of the Diaspora's "Black Princes".... and FINE too...Rotfl! !! (It is no "secret" I like Obama and respect Michelle and their marriage, thus NOT a threat in any way shape or form....but, if...God forbid...anything happened to Michelle...Baaaaby. I will TRY for the POTUS like every other female, black, white and Jap-Talian. Barack KNOW he is a good looking man;....in spite of his "race" and political position...and intelligent TOO? Sheesh....no "contest"... I'd go for it.

Anyhoo...((( fanning myself))) the military is best equipped to handle natural emergencies IF their government/political leaders will SHUT THE HECK UP and let their military leaders display their "humanitarian" side; and I am talking about ALL sides.

They are trained and ready to handle any emergency usually, and that includes humanitarian missions without firing a single shot. They are trained to kill, but they were born of woman and thusto LOVE.

Sekhmet

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--- On Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation  
To: "Sekhmet Johnson"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 7:57 PM

The damaged/dysfunctional control tower was one of the first priorities of the American military, and a mobile one was put in place within a couple of days. That's why I said there was no excuse for failing to distribute the aid more rapidly and effectively.



I do believe the US military is doing as good a job as they can under the circumstances, and thank God we have Obama now (as someone posted earlier).

Peter

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Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 12:53:38 -0800

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

CC: atenergy@hotmail. com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com

"...talking heads are correct....an excuse..."

Hello Peter,

you are a couple of posts behind I think. I would have to watch the news 24/7 to stay upda and I am not in Haiti that has/had no communications at all.

I sent a couple of articles about some complaining about the military being sent AT ALL, they have the best equipment and personnel to handle such an emergency from day one logistically speaking. I saw a military chopper dropping water on day one, and I understand the mad rush to get some water bottles by individuals. ..that was human nature, I have no problems/complaints .

I saw the TV pics of the airport....it was no "excuse" IMO, the planes couldn't land without tower or someone who had flown to Haiti and knew the terrain but it would have been a small plane,....again IMO.

If the talking heads could fly in and out safely, they should have brought water, medical supplies and MREs instead of more talking heads.....ROTFL! !! Still, their presence was not without an upside, as their pics did show that MOST of the people were helping each other. That behind the talking head some off-island family members may have seen a relative or an old neighbor/area they could identify. I have always believed the entire media is a NECESSARY EVIL....they are needed, but sometimes they make me shake my head; especially since Ed Bradley and the "Walter Cronkite era" has passed.

Sekhmet

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--- On Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 9:21 AM

One thing the "talking heads" are correct about is that immediate relief supplies [bottled water, meals-ready- to-eat, or MREs, medical supplies, etc.] could/can be most rapidly deployed via helicopter, and that

that the excuse that the airport's limited operability/ capacity is obstructing the aid effort is just that -- an excuse.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 09:38:26 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

Well ..... now I am really confused. First the talking heads and rumor mongers complain about the military being in Haiti, then - in the next breath it seems - they complain about the military not supplying their needs efficiently and quickly, so they want to make the Air Force do water drops/medical supplies where the talking heads and rumor mongers tell them? Fine; now which individual(s) is leading this direction of Air Force drops, since the only airport in Haiti is in ruins?

And one other thing....why do the talking heads and rumor mongers want to bring up Latin American military issues from the past couple of years, when the emergency now is clear and food distribution TODAY in Haiti? Am I missing something here?

Sekhmet

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## Haiti Needs Water, Not Occupation

**The US has never wanted Haitian self-rule, and its focus 'security concerns' has hampered the earthquake aid response**

by Mark Weisbrot

On Monday, six days after the earthquake in Haiti, the US Southern Command finally began to [drop bottled water and food](#) from an air force C-17. US defence

secretary Robert Gates had previously rejected such a method because of "security concerns".

If people do not [get clean water](#), there could be epidemics of water-borne diseases that could greatly increase the death toll. But the US is now sending 10,000 troops and seems to be prioritising "security" over much more urgent, life-and-death needs. This in addition to the increase of 3,500 UN troops scheduled to arrive.

On Sunday morning the world-renowned humanitarian group Doctors Without Borders complained that a plane carrying its portable hospital unit was [re-routed by the US military through the Dominican Republic](#). This would cost a crucial 48 hours and an unknown number of lives.

On Sunday, [Jarrry Emmanuel](#), air logistics officer for the UN's World Food Programme, said: "There are 200 flights going in and out every day, which is an incredible amount for a country like Haiti ... But most flights are for the US military."

Yet Lieutenant General PK Keen, deputy commander of the US Southern Command, reports that there is [less violence in Haiti now than there was before the earthquake hit](#). Dr Evan Lyon, of Partners in Health, a medical aid group famous for its heroic efforts in Haiti, referred to "[misinformation and rumours ... and racism](#)" concerning security issues.

We've been circulating throughout the city until 2:00 and 3:00 in the morning every night, evacuating patients, moving materials. There's no UN guards. There's no US military presence. There's no Haitian police presence. And there's also no violence. There is no insecurity.

To understand the US government's obsession with "security concerns," we must look at the recent history of Washington's involvement there.

Long before the earthquake, Haiti's plight has been comparable to that of many homeless people on city streets in the US: too poor and too black to have the same effective constitutional and legal rights as other citizens. In 2002, when a [US-backed military coup](#) temporarily toppled the elected government of Venezuela, most governments in the hemisphere responded quickly and helped force the return of democratic rule. But two years later, when Haiti's democratically elected president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was kidnapped by the US and [flown to exile in Africa](#), the response was muted.

Unlike the two centuries of looting and pillage of Haiti since its founding by a slave revolt in 1804, the brutal occupation by US marines from 1915 to 1934, the countless atrocities under dictatorships aided and abetted by Washington, the 2004 coup cannot be dismissed as "ancient history." It was just six years ago, and it is directly relevant to what is happening there now.

The US, together with Canada and France, conspired openly for four years to topple Haiti's elected government, cutting off almost all international aid in order to destroy the economy and make the country ungovernable. They succeeded. For those who wonder why there are no Haitian government institutions to help with the earthquake relief efforts, this is a big reason. Or why there are 3 million

people crowded into the area where the earthquake hit. US policy over the years also helped destroy Haitian agriculture, for example, by forcing the import of subsidised US rice and wiping out thousands of Haitian rice farmers.

Aristide, the country's first democratically elected president, was overthrown after just seven months in 1991, by military officers and death squads later discovered to be in the pay of the CIA. Now Aristide wants to [return to his country](#), something that the majority of Haitians have demanded since his overthrow. But the US does not want him there. And the Renouveau government, which is completely beholden to Washington, has decided that Aristide's party - the largest in Haiti - will [not be allowed to compete](#) in the next elections (originally scheduled for next month).

Washington's fear of democracy in Haiti may explain why the US is now sending 10,000 troops and prioritising "security" over other needs.

This military occupation by US troops will raise other concerns in the hemisphere, depending on how long they stay - just as the recent [expansion of the US military presence in Colombia](#) has been met with considerable discontent and distrust in the region. And non-governmental organisations have raised other issues about the proposed reconstruction: understandably they want Haiti's remaining debt cancelled, and grants rather than loans (the IMF has proposed a \$100m dollar loan). Reconstruction needs will be in the billions of dollars: will Washington encourage the establishment of a functioning government? Or will it prevent that, channelling aid through NGOs and taking over various functions itself, because of its long-standing opposition to Haitian self-rule?

But most urgently, there is a need for rapid delivery of water. The US air force has the capability to deliver enough water for everyone who needs it in Haiti, until ground supply chains can be established. The more water is available, the less likely there is to be fighting or rioting over this scarce resource. Food and medical supplies could also be supplied through air drops. These operations should be ramped up, immediately. There is no time to lose.

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| 31606|2010-01-25 13:33:24|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: Upcoming events in Nashville...|

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--- On Sat, 1/23/10, Dr. Jay Menzise [jeffmenzise@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffmenzise@hotmail.com) wrote:

From: Dr. Jay Menzise [jeffmenzise@hotmail.com](mailto:jeffmenzise@hotmail.com)

Subject: Upcoming events in Nashville...

[maatcollective@yahoogroups.com](mailto:maatcollective@yahoogroups.com)

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 6:40 PM

Peace Brother Tafari,

We have two events coming up that you dont want too miss!!!!.....

The first event is a comedy show and health fair we are hosting January 29th (see first flyer), the second is a free yoga and qi gong workshop weekend with Yirser Ra Hotep and Wayne Chandler (see second flyer)...hope to see you then!

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Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 14:32:23 -0800  
From: tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com  
Subject: Fw: [SmaiTawi] Fw: True insanity.  
To: maatcollective@yahoogroups.com

so this is the african in america?...



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

--- On Sat, 1/23/10, Tenorazel Washington wrote:

From: Tenorazel Washington  
Subject: [SmaiTawi] Fw: True insanity.  
To: Quindelia\_Washington@yahoo.com, "Alisha Washington" , "April Riddick" ,  
"Evelyn Washington" , "Hannibal Shabazz" , "Isis Callahan" , "JaMont Harris" , "Robert  
Martin" , "SmaiTawi" , "Washington Mom&Dad"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:24 AM

This is truely insane!

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**From:** Elra Amun  
**To:** Andrew Hayes  
**Sent:** Sat, January 23, 2010 1:21:42 AM  
**Subject:** True insanity.

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| 31607|2010-01-25 13:33:29|hebrew b'yisrael|Vegas -- the Western Epicenter -- take note!|

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Everyone,

My own youtube and/or google TV channel is coming soon  
to report on conditions in the Washington DC //  
Baltimore metro area in high-DEF!

later,

'brew

| 31608|2010-01-25 13:34:27|sekhmet Johnson|Re: IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS|

"...posted multiple times...."

Hello Peter,

if you send a personal and a forum email it will appear twice, then there is some hiccup in the Yahoo server I suppose, because I will get multiple emails that have the same date and time on them. I'm no techie so I just hit "delete".

I read your reply to the academic question, but my pc went cattywhompus or I picked up an internet bug and shut the thing down/off, so I didn't reply to it yet.

I keep reading over the Napoleon quote....I copied it onto paper....and I am still simply "amazed"; and I want to break it down for younger folks to understand the "mind-set" of that idjut....ROTFL!!!!...it hasn't changed much IMNSHO.

Sekhmet

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--- On Sun, 1/24/10, Peter Gray wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Sunday, January 24, 2010, 10:30 AM

Sekhmet, did you see my reply to this email (sent to your personal e-mail address also)?  
In it, I explained what I meant by academic caliber, and can't understand why some of these e-mails seem to be posted multiple times.  
Peter

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To: atenergy@hotmail.com; Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
CC: tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo.com; Runoko@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 15:35:27 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"...indeed the first black one..(in the West)...."

Hello Peter,

I felt he was more nervous in front of the camera as he had lost some cousins, although his siblings survived the quake he is in the USA for schooling, and I wish him the best during this trying time. I was in error to judge his knowledge of history of Africans and the Diaspora at this trying time.

Please clarify "teaching material of academic calibre" at least for the USA, as we are hurting for accurate African historical knowledge also. Obadele passed recently, as did Van Sertima and others with a bunch of information that somehow never reaches the masses of black people, as we are led to believe we have no "history" at all worth preserving. I know about Runoko Rashidi because I made it my mission in life to research Africans and the African Diaspora.... since we are the "invisible people" with nothing to offer any culture except what we were told by others to "accept" as true.

Sekhmet - BTW, I send a "personal email" only because of the forum delay in posting replies; if it is problematic, just let me know - no problem.

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10**, **Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 12:38 PM

Well, we certainly need to have black history taught to our children, period. And



to ensure that the teaching material is of academic calibre (accurate, peer-reviewed) . Ofcourse, Haiti was the second independent republic in the West, but indeed the firstblack one, though the Haitian youngster waswrong to say it was the first independentblack "nation".

Peter

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Date: Sat, 23 Jan 2010 10:14:51 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail. com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com

"...Dessalines was prompted to slaughter all the whites in Haiti..."

Hello Peter,

that may be the reason blacks are kept "weaponless" in modern times....ROTFL! !!

I am not that familiar with the particulars of Haitian history, but when I watched the TV p last night, I was struck by a young Haitian that said Haiti was "the first black independent in history".

If that is really what the young Black Diasporans are being taught, we as a people have fai educators/teachers of our own history. We need to open up our schools to more BLACK HISTORIANS that teach the truth of black history, and not the "westernized/ easternized versions"... after all, we are the Original People of the earth, in spite of the B S children ar taught in school,, church or mosquestoday.

Sekhmet

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From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:41 AM

Also remember how Napoleom deliberately killed Toussaint at Fort de Jour ... by depriving him of firewood and clothing (even his personal watch) so that he (Toussaint) eventually succumbed to fever on April 17, 1803. When the Haitian armies found out , Dessalines was prompted to slaughter all the whites in Haiti, and removed the white from the French tricolor -- which is why the Haitian flag today is just red and blue.

Peter

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To: hebrew@erols. com; Runoko@yahoo. com  
CC: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Fri, 22 Jan 2010 14:04:52 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"...myth of the liberal French!"

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I don't want to take Napoleon's quote out of context too much, but given the time he was a and messing around in Haiti (and don't forget the bozo also went to Egypt with hisworldvi about blacks) and his personal views at that time, but he was certainly speaking the language sentiments of his fellowmen... globally and throughout history apparently. But I may be b (((chuckle))) in my opinion of history and how blacks were perceived.

I think the French are as "liberal" as others....they just aim it at their own first, which is no problem for me. A "street philosopher" taught me that - It's a po' dog that can't wag his own tail.....other' s in the Diaspora should keep that in mind when they send their black martyrs West to create chaos. Our ancestors were not "invited" to relocate to the Americas or Haiti Europe.

Runoko wrote an article about the presence of blacks in Germany and Russia...and you could have knocked me over with a feather when I read it!!! Guess that "Black Russian" thing is after all.....ROTFL! !!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/22/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: "sekhmet Johnson" , Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Cc: Runoko@yahoo. com, tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 2:25 PM

You are more than welcomed! So much for the myth of the liberal FRENCH!

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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
**Cc:** hebrew ; Runoko@yahoo. com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Fri, January 22, 2010 3:20:44 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"....the need to block forever the march of the blacks in the world...."

Whoooo-boyee, unbelievable the "quotes" some people think are historically valid biting you in the butt later.....ROTFL! !!!

"No", I don't think it is "humorous" in the least, but it certainly puts the push for global "relations" into perspective IMNSHO. The man said "...march of the **blacks in the world.**" of puts a kabosh on any future dreams of freedom, hope and justice from the start **if** you have to be born black - West, East or anywhere else on the planet.

Sheesh, and I thought I was "seeing things from the biased perspective" of a member of the African Diaspora. Thanks for finding this Hebrew....and you too Rashidi.

**Sekhmet**

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From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS  
To: "Trent Hatchett"  
Date: Friday, January 22, 2010, 4:45 AM

**"My decision to destroy the  
authority of the blacks in  
Saint Dominique (Haiti) is not  
so much based on  
considerations of commerce  
and money, as on the need to  
block for ever the march of  
the blacks in the world."**

--Napoleon Bonaparte  
Todah R' Ak Runoko [Thank  
you]

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**From:** Runoko Rashidi

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**Sent:** Thu, January 21, 2010 11:29:14 PM

**Subject:** [SmaiTawi] IN NAPOLEON'S OWN WORDS

"My decision to destroy the authority of the blacks in Saint Dominique (Haiti) is

not so much based on considerations of commerce and money, as on the need to block for ever the march of the blacks in the world."  
--Napoleon Bonaparte

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| 31609|2010-01-25 13:34:49|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Reminder: Academic vs Street vs Good Scholarship - This Sunday o|

Thanks for the reminder Asar, and I will try to get to the station here in Podunk. Even if I don't, will there be a "transcript" on-line somewhere at a later date?

I just saw where "Radio America" closed today or yesterday. Such a shame IMO, that a liberal radio show closes right after the Supreme Court is now allowing Corporations to influence public policy using their considerable assets.

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sun, 1/24/10**, **Asar Imhotep** wrote:

From: Asar Imhotep

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Reminder: Academic vs Street vs Good Scholarship - This Sunday on Blog Talk Radio

To: ta\_seti@yahoogroups.com, africanclassicalhistory@yahoogroups.co.uk

Date: Sunday, January 24, 2010, 1:21 PM

Greetings Phamily

Please join us this **Sunday January 24, 2010** for a riveting and informative discussion

on our blog talk radio program **Simba Simbi**. Our discussion topic is titled Academic vs. Street vs. Good Scholarship. There appears to be an upsurge in the interest of African culture and history in the past year or so due to a flux of debates on videos on YouTube by young people interested in African religious, cultural and political history who deem themselves "street scholars." But has this new interest in African culture spawned a methodology that stunts the growth of the field? How can we take this fire and interest in African culture and history and make it productive? These issues and more will be discussed by our esteemed panel: **Professor Manu Ampim, Wayne B. Chandler and Dr. Wesley Muhammad**. This is the second installment of our "Advancing the Work" series. You do not want to miss this.

Date: **1/24/10**

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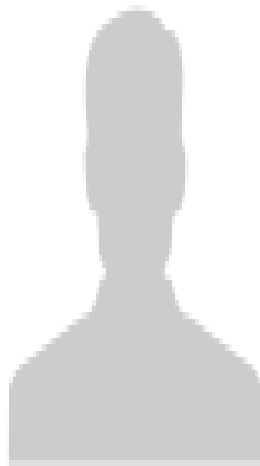
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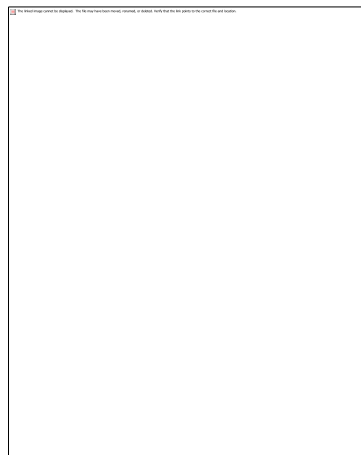
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**Dr. Wesley Muhammad:** A native of Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Williams received his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in Islamic Studies in 2008. He has taught at the

University of Michigan and the University of Toledo, and has presented or lectured at the University of Mainz, Germany, the University of Chicago, Duke University, Emory University, Morehouse College, Spelman College and Clark Atlanta University. Dr. Williams has several publications and his dissertation, entitled "Tajalli wa-Ru'ya: A Study of Anthropomorphic Theophany and Visio Dei in the Hebrew Bible, the Qur'an and Early Sunni Islam," argued that the Islamic sources (Qur'an, Hadith, Sunni textual tradition for the 9th-12th centuries) give evidence of a tradition of transcendent anthropomorphism and visual theophany not unlike that found more clearly articulated in the Hebrew Bible.

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| 31610|2010-01-25 13:35:31|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations|

"...good point..."

No problem Peter, I worked in healthcare and a short time in "collections" so the small difference in the name will ...SHOULD...get donations to the correct source. I have another site...apparently afrocentric...that is suggesting another group to send donations to/thru called "Happily Natural" website that I joined recently for the articles. I got the site from another forum member "Ginger Daniels", and like to support other black people when I can.

**PLEASE NOTE - that I am NOT endorsing "Happily Natural" or any other website for others to send donations to/thru.** I will be sending the entire ezine to the forum shortly, if someone knows the folks there personally (California/Florida area I think), feel free to contact them.....I do not know them personally.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Mon, 1/25/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations

To: "Sekhmet Johnson" , "Marc Washington"

Cc: jazmee324@yahoo.com, tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com, hebrew77@yahoo.com

Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 9:52 AM

Good point about the difference between the US Red Cross and the Haitian RC. I guess I

should Google the latter to direct any financial contribution there.

Peter

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Date: Sun, 24 Jan 2010 09:40:01 -0800

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

CC: jazmee324@yahoo. com; tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com

Hello Cece,

I sent money to Yele since Wyclef Jean is Haitian; I figured he would use the money appropriately then I hear his organization is fraudulent. IF that is the case, he will have to face his own people, his own conscious and his Creator when things do settle down in Haiti. Of course I got slammed for donating to Yele, but I don't care....my conscious is clear and when I get some more money, I will send it to Yele again.

Just like the Red Cross got "caught", so will he and any other organization that doesn't get those people help NOW.

I lived next door to a corporate office of the Red Cross, and it was a joke IMO. But people need to understand that the American Red Cross and the International Red Cross are separate entities.... Haitian Red Cross has boots on the ground in Haiti, and always have. So if some people still want to give to the "red cross"....I can understand; just make sure it is the Haitian Red Cross they are giving to. Surely they have a separate email donation address since everything is done online nowadays.

**This is just my 2 cents opinion** before anyone wants to "slam" me....LOL!!! Tafari and others have suggested other organizations to donate to....no problem.

Sekhmet

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--- On Sat, 1/23/10, cece wrote:

From: cece

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:42 AM

i agree with not giving to Red cross 1000 percent. i worked at a social service agency in houston when the Katrina people came, most of them told me how they had the hardest time trying to get help, money, clothes, etc from Red cross giving them Red tape. i know that they (red cross) gave a lot of that money/merchandise, etc to folks who did not come from new orleans and officials pocketed that money.



why are the news media, bill clinton, and that haiti concert last night is telling folks to give to Red cross? i gave 25.00 a piece last week to : yele - wyclef foundation, unicef and catholic charties. this week they accued wyclef of stealing from his own foundation, he did a press conference and broke down crying. wyclef appeared on Oprah, admitted that he or his folks did not file income tax in a few years??? that people were attacking him because he was raising a million dollars a day for his organization and he was the only one out there picking dead bodies out of the ruins. i was so touched by him and his beautiful black wife.

--- In [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.com](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.com), sekhmet Johnson wrote:

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> Hello Tafari, I copied the article below and thanks for the link, I am simply overwhelmed with the continuous victimiza tion of black people by...everybody! ! I concur that the Katrina Debacle was "man made" by the way, and we should be very cautious who we make donations to. I have another "list" of groups from another site, but have no way of checking to see if they (the groups mentioned) are legitimate or not. PLEASE NOTE...all of the "bold type" within the article is mine and NOT the original author's. -Sekhmet

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> Haiti, Katrina, and Why I Won't Give To Haiti Through the Red Cross  
> By Bruce A. Dixon  
> Created 01/20/2010 - 12:20

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> At Katrina, the Red Cross used funds generously donated by millions of Americans to implement what many knew at the time was, and what has turned out to be the dispersal of much of black New Orleans to the four corners of the continental US. If the Red Cross didn't respect the persons, the families, the communities of black US citizens, do we really imagine it will respect Haitians.  
> Haiti, Katrina, and Why I Won't Give To Haiti Through the Red Cross  
> by BAR managing editor Bruce A. Dixon  
> What's charitably given isn't always charitably distributed. In 21st century American and its empire, our corporate and military elite wield immense power, including the power. Corporate philanthropy serves corporate interests, not human interests, and corporate control over government, culture and media ensure that even funds donated by ordinary citizens can be directed and harvested for elite purposes too.  
> In the wake of the man-made disaster of Katrina, Americans freely gave tens of millions to the American Red Cross, which used a great deal of it to effectively disperse the population of black New Orleans to the four corners of the continental U.S. Millions more were diverted to their administrative overhead or other projects. But the local Louisiana elites who benefited from the exile of

hundreds of thousands of black New Orleans residents were able to use Red Cross funds and personnel to work their will.

> I know. I was there. In the days immediately after Katrina in 2005 I made it down to Baton Rouge, where thousands of the evacuees pulled out of the water and scooped off rooftops and overpasses were huddled in shelters at the city's convention center and Southern University. The shelters were hard to miss, because there was a mile long line of buses crawling toward each one. The busiest person in each shelter was the transportation coordinator.

> If an evacuee had a high status job, proof of ID and checkable references, I saw them put plane tickets for the whole family in that person's hand, line up a job in Detroit or Los Angeles, and call them a cab to the airport. But for everybody else without a car, they had one solution. Get on the bus. There would be no way back, and no plans to help you go back. There's a bus for you, going to Dallas or Houston or somewhere.

> Singly and in groups I interviewed just under a hundred evacuees in a day and a half, many still disoriented. They wanted to be reunited with their families. They wondered if they'd be able to go back, or if there would be anything to go back to. But all the Red Cross told them, I heard again and again, was that the shelter is closing in a couple of days, you can't stay here in Baton Rouge, you have to get on a bus to Houston, Dallas, Atlanta or somewhere. Now. Even those who had businesses before the flood --- I talked to the owner of a bakery and a car repair shop who stayed to protect their investment and to look after relatives --- even they were told there's nothing here for you but a bus going out of state.

> I talked to some of the Red Cross people who ran the shelter too, especially at Southern University. I recall asking them how they knew people had nothing in New Orleans to go back to. They were white, of course and most of the sheltered evacuees were black. "Look at them," was the stock answer from several. "What could they possibly have worth going back to? They are better off starting new lives somewhere else," they rationalized. They also cited news stories in wide circulation about New Orleans residents firing on helicopters and boats that were rescuing people, reports that later were proven false. I told them they were likely to be untrue, but they wanted very badly to believe, and they did.

> I recall pointing out that if they were dispersed far out of state many would have no way back, but with one or two impressions, this had little effect on their conclusion. One or two, I remember, seemed to struggle with what I told them, and said they hoped it was not true, but they were just doing their jobs.

> My point here is that in a society controlled by an elite with often questionable motives, the charities this corporate elite and their media promote have to be questioned too. I won't give a nickel through the Red Cross because they are no more likely to recognize the viability and full humanity of Haitians and their communities than did on the Gulf Coast. The Red Cross isn't alone in this.

> The US government, as Glen Ford points out, has thoroughly militarized US aid to Haiti, and the same US corporate media that painted New Orleans as a cesspool of violence and despair are bringing us images and impressions of Haiti that match their twisted vision. Food and water cannot be distributed until "order" is restored.

> Corporate media manufactures “celebrities” all the time, people who are famous for being well known, and about whose lives we know more than we know about the public affairs in our own cities and towns and school boards. Haitian musician Wyclef Jean used his celebrity, and the earthquake, to raise millions for his own Haitian charity.

> We make no judgment on the allegations that its bookkeeping may be irregular. But it's worth noting that Wyclef Jean has family ties to the group of gangsters and thugs that the Clinton-era CIA installed in office when it removed Haiti's elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide from office in the 1990s. Wyclef Jean has repeated the contemptible lie all over black radio that Aristide skipped the country with \$900 million stolen from Haitians. We understand where this comes from [1]. Wyclef's uncle was the Washington DC representative of the short-lived un-elected gangster governments of Haiti, and runs a right wing rag of a Haitian newspaper dedicated to spreading outrageous and self-serving falsehoods against Lavalas, the only Haitian party capable of winning free elections in that unhappy country.

> If Wyclef will lie about that, we wonder what else he'd lie about, and why we should trust him with our money.

> Wyclef's problems aside, one way to ensure your donations are deployed and used in a manner faithful to your intent, and respectful of the Haitian rights to community, humanity and agency, is to send them to efforts managed in whole or in part by responsible Haitians, and members of the Haitian diaspora.

> Here are a few of the places to donate that we recommend, people whom we and those close to us can vouch for personally. Give generously, as we understand aftershocks are continuing to occur. There are many others. But not the Red Cross. Probably not anybody whose name you see on CNN. Or on BET. Our apologies to the great people we haven't mentioned. Use the comments to add more recommendations of authentic, grassroots, responsible places for people to donate. Our comments are moderated, of course.

> Scattering Resources • Online donations via PayPal [2]

> Scattering Resources is working in cooperation with Fondation Avenir [3] in on-the-ground relief efforts in Haiti. Members of Scattering Resources help comprise a team that delivering supplies and assessing the situation in local communities inside Port-au-Prince and Jacmel.

> Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network [4]

> HLLN is connected with networks of Haitian doctors and others abroad, and with care providers on the ground in Haiti.

> And of course the National Nurses Organization [5] will let you volunteer (if you're an RN) to go yourself, or donate to sponsor an RN. Check them out at <http://www.sendanur se.org> [6]

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> --- On Wed, 1/20/10, Tafari khumbaka wrote:

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> From: Tafari khumbaka

> Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Where To and Where Not To Make Haiti Donations



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> Hetepu,  
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> The following report details why black people should avoid making donations to any of the major corporately controlled disaster relief organizations such as the Red Cross and others including Wyclef Jean's(interesting comments on this fellow). Most of these are not working in the interests of those that the donations are intended to help and assist. The author offers other more viable and honest options for those of us willing to donate either our time or money to ensure that the help gets to where it is needed. Please spread!!  
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| 31611|2010-01-25 13:38:12|hebrew b'yisrael|TARP whiskey -- now the hangover has set in...|  
The Rude Awakening of 2010 by Martin D. Weiss, Ph.D.  
Dear Customer, Martin D. Weiss, Ph.D. The heyday of the Bush-Obama bailout frenzy is coming to an end. The bailout's base of public support, tenuous from the outset, is collapsing. Its chief architects Treasury Secretary Geithner and Fed Chairman Bernanke are politically dead or dying; its loyal opposition Obama adviser Paul Volcker and FDIC Chairman Bair is gaining rapidly in influence. Suddenly and with growing momentum, America is shifting into a brand new phase of the crisis ... The Rude Awakening of 2010 You and I knew all along; we were not among those sleepwalking through the storm. Nor did we ever support those who stumbled from one ill-conceived government rescue to another. We knew all along that TARP was a classic financial blunder and ultimate moral hazard: It rewarded guilty bankers, while shafting innocent taxpayers now stuck with the bill. We knew all along that the Fed's zero-interest-rate policy is a ticking

time bomb: It subsidizes and stimulates high-stakes gambling on Wall Street, while it robs America's prudent savers of nearly every penny they hoped to earn in interest. External Sponsorship

Just like some cheap booze and an all-nite party ran on some cheap speakers -- a really big headache is coming!

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## Stakes are high as government plans exit from mortgage markets

By David Cho, Neil Irwin and Dina ElBoghdady  
Washington Post Staff Writer  
Monday, January 25, 2010; A01

For more than a year, the government pulled out the stops to revive home buying by driving down mortgage rates.

Now, whether the housing market is ready or not, the government is pulling out.

The wind-down of federal support for mortgage rates, set to end in two months, is a momentous test of whether the Obama administration and the Federal Reserve have succeeded in jump-starting the housing market and ensuring it can hold its own. The stakes for the economy are massive: If the market again falls into a tailspin, homeowners could face another wave of

trouble, and it would deal a body blow to [President Obama](#)'s efforts to get the economy on track.

Keeping the mortgage rates at historic lows, which required a commitment of more than \$1 trillion, was viewed within the administration as a central plank of the economic strategy last year, senior officials said. Though the policy did not attract as much attention as rescue efforts to bail out banks, it helped revitalize home buying in some parts of the country and put money in the pockets of millions of homeowners who were able to refinance into lower monthly payments, the officials added.

"We did what we thought was necessary to stabilize the market, but we don't think the government should continue special efforts forever," said [Michael S. Barr](#), an assistant secretary at the Treasury Department. "As you bring stability, private participants come back in. We do expect this now that the market has stabilized. I'm not going to say there will be no effect on rates, but we do think you are seeing market signs and market signals that there should be an orderly transition."

A few federal officials and many industry advocates disagree, saying the government is exiting too soon. They offer dire warnings of higher rates and a slowdown in home sales. Fed leaders say they will end a marquee program supporting the mortgage markets in March. Obama's economic team, led by Treasury Secretary [Timothy F. Geithner](#), has decided not to replace it and has been shutting down its own related initiatives.

Over the past year, these programs have enabled prospective home buyers to get cheap loans, helping those buying and selling property as well as those eager to refinance existing mortgages. If the end of the initiative drives up interest rates, say from 5 percent to 5.5 percent, homeowners could be deterred from refinancing, industry officials say. A sharper

increase in rates could make homes too expensive for many buyers, forcing them from the market and causing the recent pickup in home sales to stall.

"Mortgage rates are the lifeblood of the housing market, and we have cautioned the Fed about the sudden stoppage of this program," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors.

But senior government officials said it could be hard to reverse course without damaging the credibility of the Fed and the administration. If the government loses the trust of the financial markets, preparing them for policy changes could be tougher, possibly resulting in economic disruptions. The officials said they also worry that the mortgage market is becoming overly dependent on federal support, inserting the government too deeply into private enterprise.

Only a new crisis would be able to persuade the administration and the Fed to change their minds, officials said.

"This is a worthy experiment to see if they can begin exiting after providing an unprecedented amount of money to one sector of the economy," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. "It's a close call, though. I can see why they are debating it."

### **Filling in the void**

The Fed's policymaking body sets a key interest rate at periodic meetings, which in turn influences rates for all kinds of loans. But mortgage rates also are shaped by the health of the market financing these loans.

Banks typically create giant pools of home loans and turn them into securities that can be traded on the open market. When the system is working, many investors buy these mortgage-backed securities, providing a stream of money for lenders so they can make loans at



relatively cheap rates. But the trading of these securities seized up when the financial crisis struck and panicked investors. Government officials feared that the mortgage market would collapse.

The Fed and the Treasury stepped into the breach, becoming the only major buyers of these mortgage-related securities, and they kept the mortgage market flush with cash. The Treasury spent about \$220 billion, and the Fed pledged \$1.25 trillion, the single largest foray the central bank has made into the markets since the onset of the crisis. In essence, the Fed has been printing money and funneling it to people looking to buy a house or refinance an existing mortgage.

At the same time, the federal government stood behind mortgage-finance companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac by taking them over and pledging to cover their losses. That helped the firms lower borrowing costs, since lenders know they can't fail, and the companies passed on their savings to mortgage borrowers in the form of low rates.

Combined, these federal efforts helped push down the rates ordinary Americans pay for a mortgage. The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage declined from 6.04 percent in November 2008, according to Freddie Mac data, and hit an all-time low of 4.71 percent about a year later.

Refinancings surged, while home buying perked up. Existing-home sales climbed nearly 10 percent in September, their highest level in more than two years.

The policy was the government's most effective salve for the ailing housing market at a time when other initiatives, such as the administration's attempts to modify the mortgages of struggling homeowners, produced far more disappointing results.

Now the government wants to end its support for low rates and has been striving to persuade others to buy mortgage securities.

The success of this approach hinges on the willingness of private investors, from China to big Wall Street funds, to buy large amounts of the mortgage securities and fill the void left by the government.

On Christmas Eve, Treasury officials announced a move that would cover losses suffered by investors who buy these securities from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which together now back about half of the nation's \$12 trillion mortgage market. The goal was simple, officials said. They wanted private investors to be reassured that mortgage securities are safe to buy.

### **Exit strategy**

As the economy showed signs of recovery at the end of last year, the administration and the Fed decided to end their support.

The Treasury stopped buying mortgage securities in December. The Fed said it would taper off purchases gradually, ending them by March 31.

Obama's economic team could have raised the limits on how much mortgage securities Fannie and Freddie can buy, allowing those firms to replace the Fed's purchasing program. But Barr said the administration thinks the mortgage business will stand on its own without such special assistance, similar to the way the nation's biggest banks weaned themselves off federal bailout funds by raising private capital.

"The basic goal is to implement a gradual process where the government's role in the economy goes down," Barr said. "It has to be consistent with the basic goal of stability, but it is appropriate."

Administration and Fed officials expressed confidence that rates will rise only modestly -- perhaps a quarter of a percentage point. They attribute their optimism to the lengthy notice they have given the market. The markets already should have anticipated the government's exit by adjusting interest rates higher. Yet mortgage rates have been falling slightly the past few weeks.

The optimism at the White House and the Fed, however, is not shared across the government. A few senior policymakers at the central bank view the economic recovery as still too fragile, suggesting that purchases perhaps should expand further. These dissenters also warn that mortgage rates could shoot up, perhaps to 6 percent or higher, because private investors buying securities would demand a greater rate of return than the Fed. To reach it, lenders may have to raise rates for consumers.

"Presumably, there is pent-up demand from the private sector, but the question is: At what rate are they going to be interested?" said Eric S. Rosengren, the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, who has indicated that he supports expanding the Fed's mortgage securities purchase program.

There also could be unintended consequences to the government's pull-out. Last year, big investors such as Pimco sold their mortgage-backed securities to the government and used that money to buy bonds and stocks. That extra cash, which propped up stock prices, could drain away after federal support ends.

Real estate and mortgage finance officials said the timing of the government's exit seems especially ill-conceived, since the Fed's support would end just a month before a homebuyer tax credit program, which the real estate industry has credited with jump-starting home sales.

Given the importance of the housing market, some industry officials doubt whether the government will follow through with its pledge to exit the mortgage market in March. Fannie and Freddie officials say that the companies together can buy about \$300 billion of mortgage securities by the end of the year before they hit their federally mandated limits. Though it appears reluctant to do so, the administration could use that buying power to cushion the blow after the Fed's program ends, the industry officials said.

"I believe they do want to end it in March, but it's like all new year's resolutions," said Mark Vitner, a senior economist at Wells Fargo Securities. "The Fed's New Year resolution is to go on a diet, go to the gym, give up drinking and clean the garage. They might be able to do one of those things, but to do all four is tricky. They have to drain all the liquidity they added to the financial market so we don't see a resurgence in inflation, but do it in a way so that the economy does not slip into recession."

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| 31612|2010-01-25 13:38:39|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Grassroots Call to Immediately Help Our People in Haiti: Nzingah|

To all....

this is the ezine....links intact only because I don't want to mess it up. BTW, the owner of the ezine sent a "corrected" link later, as the person(s) has a plane to make trips to and from Haiti. Haiti is still having 4.0-5.0 aftershocks a week later, so folks still need to be very careful. - Sekhmet

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--- On **Sun, 1/24/10, Brother.Manifest** wrote:

From: Brother.Manifest

Subject: URGENT: A Grassroots Call to Immediately Help Our People in Haiti:

Nzingah Oniwosan

To: happilynaturalday@gmail.com

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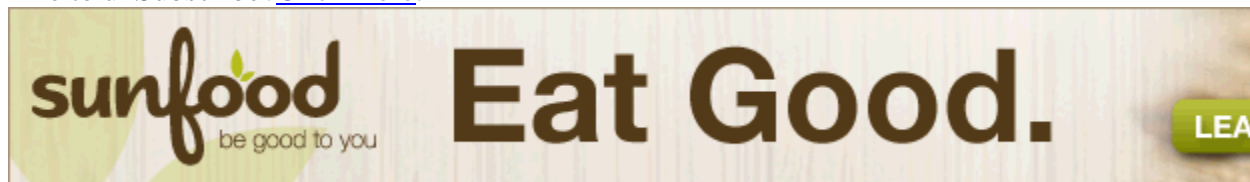


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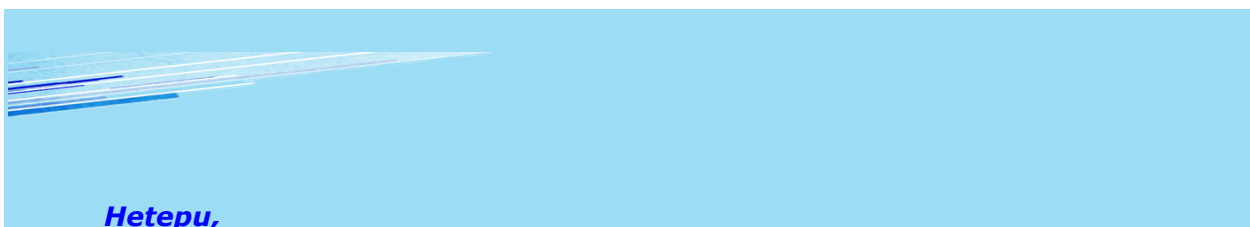
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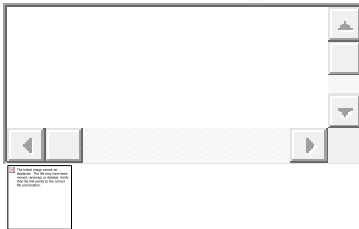
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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com, "Marc Washington"

Date: Sunday, January 24, 2010, 11:17 AM

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| 31618|2010-01-25 18:35:36|sekhmet Johnson|Re: TARP wiskey -- now the hangover has set in...|

"...cheap booze and an all-nite party..."

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I was watching CBS 60 Minutes report on the initial story. Some guy went into his bank to withdraw all his money and he was carrying a SUITCASE!!! (Sheesh, I wouldn't need a bank envelope....ROTFL!!!) They talked him out of it, but their "recession" hit most black communities about two/three decades ago, most of us are currently in a "depression" IMO. "Main Street" is in for more hurt.

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Just like some cheap booze and an all-nite party ran on some cheap speakers -- a really big headache is coming!

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## Stakes are high as government plans exit from mortgage markets

By David Cho, Neil Irwin and Dina ElBoghdady

Washington Post Staff Writer

Monday, January 25, 2010; A01

For more than a year, the government pulled out the stops to revive home buying by driving down mortgage rates.

Now, whether the housing market is ready or not, the government is pulling out.

The wind-down of federal support for mortgage rates, set to end in two months, is a momentous test of whether the Obama administration and the Federal Reserve have succeeded in jump-starting the housing market and ensuring it can hold its own. The stakes for the economy are massive: If the market again falls into a tailspin, homeowners could face another wave of trouble, and it would deal a body blow to [President Obama](#)'s efforts to get the economy on track.

Keeping the mortgage rates at historic lows, which required a commitment of more than \$1 trillion, was viewed within the administration as a central plank of the economic strategy last year, senior officials said. Though the policy did not attract as much attention as rescue efforts to bail out banks, it helped revitalize home buying in some parts of the country and put money in the pockets of millions of homeowners who were able to refinance into lower monthly payments, the officials added.

"We did what we thought was necessary to stabilize the market, but we don't think the government should continue special efforts forever," said [Michael S. Barr](#), an assistant secretary at the Treasury Department. "As you bring stability, private participants come back in. We do expect this now that the market has stabilized. I'm not going to say there will be no effect on rates, but we do think you are seeing market signs and market

signals that there should be an orderly transition."

A few federal officials and many industry advocates disagree, saying the government is exiting too soon. They offer dire warnings of higher rates and a slowdown in home sales. Fed leaders say they will end a marquee program supporting the mortgage markets in March. Obama's economic team, led by Treasury Secretary [Timothy F. Geithner](#), has decided not to replace it and has been shutting down its own related initiatives. Over the past year, these programs have enabled prospective home buyers to get cheap loans, helping those buying and selling property as well as those eager to refinance existing mortgages. If the end of the initiative drives up interest rates, say from 5 percent to 5.5 percent, homeowners could be deterred from refinancing, industry officials say. A sharper increase in rates could make homes too expensive for many buyers, forcing them from the market and causing the recent pickup in home sales to stall.

"Mortgage rates are the lifeblood of the housing market, and we have cautioned the Fed about the sudden stoppage of this program," said Lawrence Yun, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors.

But senior government officials said it could be hard to reverse course without damaging the credibility of the Fed and the administration. If the government loses the trust of the financial markets, preparing them for policy changes could be tougher, possibly resulting in economic disruptions. The officials said they also worry that the mortgage market is becoming overly dependent on federal support, inserting the government too deeply into private enterprise. Only a new crisis would be able to persuade the administration and the Fed to change their minds, officials said.

"This is a worthy experiment to see if they can begin exiting after providing an unprecedented amount of money to one sector of the economy," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com. "It's a close call, though. I can see why they are debating it."

### **Filling in the void**

The Fed's policymaking body sets a key interest rate at periodic meetings, which in turn influences rates for all kinds of loans. But mortgage rates also are shaped by the health of the market financing these loans.

Banks typically create giant pools of home loans and turn them into securities that can be traded on the open market. When the system is working, many investors buy these mortgage-backed securities, providing a stream of money for lenders so they can make loans at relatively cheap rates. But the trading of these securities seized up when the financial crisis struck and panicked investors. Government officials feared that the mortgage market would collapse.

The Fed and the Treasury stepped into the breach, becoming the only major buyers of these mortgage-related securities, and they kept the mortgage market flush with cash. The Treasury spent about \$220 billion, and the Fed pledged \$1.25 trillion, the single largest foray the central bank has made into the markets since the onset of the crisis. In essence, the Fed has been printing money and funneling it to people looking to buy a house or refinance an existing mortgage.

At the same time, the federal government stood behind mortgage-finance companies Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac by taking them over and pledging to cover their losses. That helped the firms lower borrowing costs, since lenders know they can't fail, and the companies passed on their savings to mortgage borrowers in the form of low rates.

Combined, these federal efforts helped push down



the rates ordinary Americans pay for a mortgage. The 30-year fixed-rate mortgage declined from 6.04 percent in November 2008, according to Freddie Mac data, and hit an all-time low of 4.71 percent about a year later.

Refinancings surged, while home buying perked up. Existing-home sales climbed nearly 10 percent in September, their highest level in more than two years.

The policy was the government's most effective salve for the ailing housing market at a time when other initiatives, such as the administration's attempts to modify the mortgages of struggling homeowners, produced far more disappointing results.

Now the government wants to end its support for low rates and has been striving to persuade others to buy mortgage securities.

The success of this approach hinges on the willingness of private investors, from China to big Wall Street funds, to buy large amounts of the mortgage securities and fill the void left by the government.

On Christmas Eve, Treasury officials announced a move that would cover losses suffered by investors who buy these securities from Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which together now back about half of the nation's \$12 trillion mortgage market. The goal was simple, officials said. They wanted private investors to be reassured that mortgage securities are safe to buy.

### **Exit strategy**

As the economy showed signs of recovery at the end of last year, the administration and the Fed decided to end their support.

The Treasury stopped buying mortgage securities in December. The Fed said it would taper off purchases gradually, ending them by March 31.

Obama's economic team could have raised the limits on how much mortgage securities Fannie and Freddie

can buy, allowing those firms to replace the Fed's purchasing program. But Barr said the administration thinks the mortgage business will stand on its own without such special assistance, similar to the way the nation's biggest banks weaned themselves off federal bailout funds by raising private capital.

"The basic goal is to implement a gradual process where the government's role in the economy goes down," Barr said. "It has to be consistent with the basic goal of stability, but it is appropriate. "

Administration and Fed officials expressed confidence that rates will rise only modestly -- perhaps a quarter of a percentage point. They attribute their optimism to the lengthy notice they have given the market. The markets already should have anticipated the government's exit by adjusting interest rates higher. Yet mortgage rates have been falling slightly the past few weeks.

The optimism at the White House and the Fed, however, is not shared across the government. A few senior policymakers at the central bank view the economic recovery as still too fragile, suggesting that purchases perhaps should expand further. These dissenters also warn that mortgage rates could shoot up, perhaps to 6 percent or higher, because private investors buying securities would demand a greater rate of return than the Fed. To reach it, lenders may have to raise rates for consumers.

"Presumably, there is pent-up demand from the private sector, but the question is: At what rate are they going to be interested?" said Eric S. Rosengren, the president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, who has indicated that he supports expanding the Fed's mortgage securities purchase program.

There also could be unintended consequences to the

government's pull-out. Last year, big investors such as Pimco sold their mortgage-backed securities to the government and used that money to buy bonds and stocks. That extra cash, which propped up stock prices, could drain away after federal support ends.

Real estate and mortgage finance officials said the timing of the government's exit seems especially ill-conceived, since the Fed's support would end just a month before a homebuyer tax credit program, which the real estate industry has credited with jump-starting home sales.

Given the importance of the housing market, some industry officials doubt whether the government will follow through with its pledge to exit the mortgage market in March. Fannie and Freddie officials say that the companies together can buy about \$300 billion of mortgage securities by the end of the year before they hit their federally mandated limits. Though it appears reluctant to do so, the administration could use that buying power to cushion the blow after the Fed's program ends, the industry officials said.

"I believe they do want to end it in March, but it's like all new year's resolutions, " said Mark Vitner, a senior economist at Wells Fargo Securities. "The Fed's New Year resolution is to go on a diet, go to the gym, give up drinking and clean the garage. They might be able to do one of those things, but to do all four is tricky. They have to drain all the liquidity they added to the financial market so we don't see a resurgence in inflation, but do it in a way so that the economy does not slip into recession."

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Please join us this **Sunday January 24, 2010** for a riveting and informative discussion on our blog talk radio program **Simba Simbi**. Our discussion topic is titled Academic vs. Street vs. Good Scholarship. There appears to be an upsurge in the interest of African culture and history in the past year or so due to a flux of debates on videos on YouTube by young people interested in African religious, cultural and political history who deem themselves "street scholars." But has this new interest in African culture spawned a methodology that stunts the growth of the field? How can we take this fire and interest in African culture and history and make it productive? These issues and more will be discussed by our esteemed panel: **Professor Manu Ampim, Wayne B. Chandler and Dr. Wesley Muhammad**. This is the second installment of our "Advancing the Work" series. You do not want to miss this.

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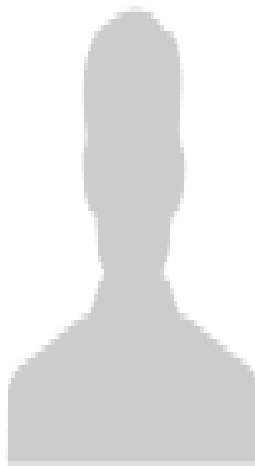
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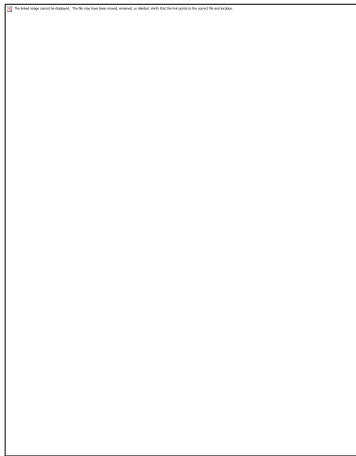
Professor Manu Ampim: is an historian and primary (first-hand) researcher specializing in African and African American history and culture. He has a B.S. in Business Management and M.A. in History/African American Studies. His master thesis, "The Revolutionary Martin Luther King, Jr." (1989) is being expanded into a two-volume work entitled, "Martin Luther King: The Evolution of a Revolutionary."

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**Wayne B. Chandler:** MS, CPH, SCE, is the author of Ancient Future: The

Teachings and Prophetic Wisdom of the Seven Hermetic Laws of Ancient Egypt and "The Brighter side of Darkness: A Light Warrior's Guide to Inner Alchemy and Spiritual Transformation" (Projected Publication 2008). Chandler is an Anthro-photojournalist specializing in African and Asian civilization, philosophy and culture. From 1985 to 1995 Chandler was a regular contributor and co-author of the J.A.C. (Journal of African and Asian Civilizations), a series of books produced annually and edited by Professor Ivan Van Sertima and published by Rutgers University.  
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**Dr. Wesley Muhammad:** A native of Detroit, Michigan, Dr. Williams recieved his Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in Islamic Studies in 2008. He has taught at the University of Michigan and the University of Toledo, and has presented or lectured at the University of Mainz, Germany, the University of Chicago, Duke University, Emory University, Morehouse College, Spelman College and Clark Atlanta University. Dr. Williams has several publications and his dissertation, entitled "Tajalli wa-Ru'ya: A Study of Anthropomorphic Theophany and Visio Dei in the Hebrew Bible, the Qur'an and Early Sunni Islam," argued that the Islamic sources (Qur'an, Hadith, Sunni textual tradition for the 9th-12th centuries) give evidence of a tradition of transcendent anthropomorphism and visual theophany not unlike that found more clearly articulated in the Hebrew Bible.  
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| 31620|2010-01-26 06:44:42|Peter Gray|Re: Africans in Mexico @ the Museum!!  
"I wonder why ..."

So do I. But since she gave a million dollars to the Haiti relief effort, she can so wrong as far I'm concerned.

Peter

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Peter

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Tafari,

is that what is being said on the video? I don't know much about the Haitian government myself.

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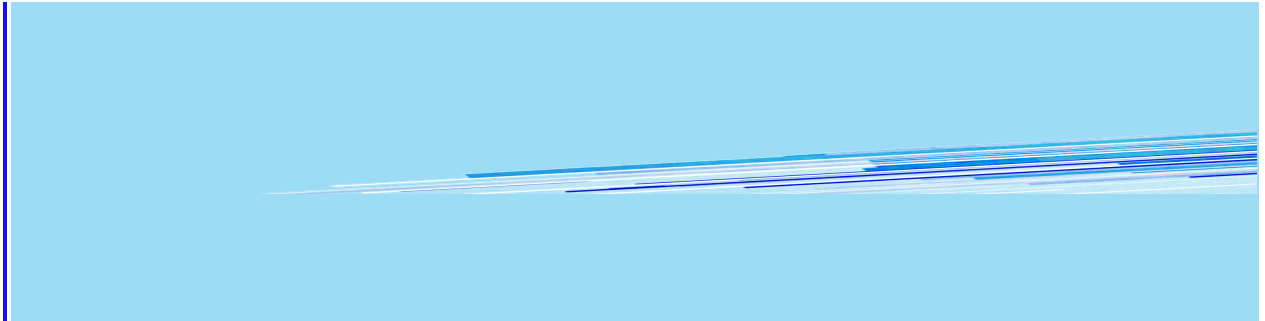
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Samuel

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> because God loves me," sing the women at Jeremy Square,  
> their faces almost invisible in the darkness of this  
> powerless, shattered downtown. "God has already paid my  
> debt."  
> Haiti is known as a society of devout Christians --  
> Catholics, Protestants, Methodists, evangelicals -- and  
> followers of voodoo. Faith has long played a powerful role  
> in this impoverished nation, giving hope to the poor and  
> fulfilling social functions that the government is incapable  
> of handling.  
> But in the days since the earth pitched and rolled  
> here, pulverizing shanties and mansions alike, the religious  
> differences that sometimes separated Haitians have come  
> crashing down.  
> Port-au-Prince has become a kind of  
> multidenominational , open-air church. Tens of thousands  
> live in the street together, scraping for food and water,  
> sharing their misery and blending their spirituality.  
> The women singing together in Jeremy Square might  
> never have worshiped side by side before the disaster, but  
> now their voices harmonize and soar well past 2 in the  
> morning. Lionelle Masse, a stringy woman with a deep, sad  
> voice, lost a child in the quake. She sings next to Rosena  
> Roche, a fiery-eyed Catholic whose husband is buried under  
> tons of rubble.  
> "I still have faith in God," Roche says.  
> "I want to give glory to God."  
> Regardless of their faith, countless Haitians have  
> similar questions: Why was I spared? Are we being punished  
> for our sins? Is this a test of faith? What happens in the  
> afterlife? 'Not the will of the Lord'  
>  
> Seekers stream into the parking lot of the ruined  
> Sacre Coeur Catholic church, a 105-year-old brick gem that  
> was turned into a grim, hollowed-out shell, its stunning  
> stained-glass windows tossed to the ground in shards. There,  
> the Catholics and the Protestants and others seek solace  
> from Father Hans Alexander, a Haitian priest who took his  
> decidedly un-Haitian first name from his German father. He  
> doesn't ask them about their religion; he asks them

> about their pain.  
> "Catholics and Protestants and other religions  
> are praying together now," Alexander says, as two  
> tearful women slump over his thick, broad shoulders.  
> "We are saying, 'We love Jesus; we don't care  
> about religions. We just care about the Lord.' " He  
> has tried to teach his followers this lesson for years but  
> did not always succeed in changing the minds of parishioners  
> who thought their religion was better or truer than others.  
> The quake, he says, has done much to convince those he could  
> not.  
> As it often can be with faith, there are doubts to  
> overcome. Some parishioners want to blame the devil, or take  
> responsibility themselves because they have sinned. Some  
> think God has abandoned them.  
> "This is not the will of the Lord,"  
> Alexander tells the two women, sisters who lost their mother  
> and one of their children, a 1 1/2 -year-old, in the quake.  
> "Don't put this blame on the back of anyone.  
> Don't put it on yourself."  
> Like almost everyone here, the woe is personal for  
> Alexander, who is wearing sandals, almost as if to defy the  
> dangerous pieces of glass, jagged metal and concrete that  
> litter the sidewalk outside his church and befoul his  
> courtyard. Beneath the broken remnants of his rectory are  
> the bodies of at least 20 church members he must mourn  
> alongside their friends and relatives.  
> A woman whose relative is now entombed there quietly  
> prays, with arms spread out toward a statue of the Virgin  
> Mary. Some of the grieving have wrestled with guilt about  
> having survived while their loved ones died, but Alexander  
> assures them that "it is not because God loves one  
> person more than another."  
> Alexander, 40, grew up in this church, first as a  
> vicar and for the past seven months as its principal priest.  
> He is himself pondering basic questions. He has spoken so  
> many times of "original sin," but the quake has  
> led him to what he calls "a discovery,"  
> reinforcing his belief that "God created us to be  
> good." The neighbors he sees helping one another --  
> carting debris, digging for survivors, patching wounds both  
> physical and psychological -- confirmed it for him.  
> That sense of fundamental goodness is what rankles the  
> priests gathered at Sacre Coeur about comments such as those  
> by American televangelist Pat Robertson, who suggested that  
> the earthquake was a punishment for Haitians aligning



> themselves, at times, with the devil. When Catholic priest  
> Arsene Jasmin heard that, he was enraged. Jasmin, a Haitian  
> who is a priest at the Shrine of the Sacred Heart Church in  
> the District, arrived in Port-au-Prince for a visit the day  
> before the earthquake.  
> "I get mad when I hear that Haiti is somehow  
> being punished," he says. "It's unacceptable  
> and wrong."  
> Jasmin gathered Friday night in a nearby building with  
> 100 worshipers for three hours of prayer and song. His  
> friend, Alexander, has no church anymore -- the building  
> that once received 3,000 worshipers for five Sunday services  
> is a wreck. But Alexander says he will celebrate Mass  
> outside a nearby house Sunday anyway, and he expects  
> hundreds, if not thousands, to come. Salvation  
> under the skies  
>  
> For others, especially those stuck in place because  
> they have no way to travel around the city, places such as  
> Jeremy Square will be their makeshift churches, as they have  
> been each night. Roche, the Catholic woman who fears her  
> husband is dead, sleeps and worships in the square, squeezed  
> into a row of 25 men, women and children -- one of at least  
> 60 tightly packed rows along the slope pavement of the  
> square.  
> Just a few steps from Roche's thin, white blanket,  
> Primrose Toussaint, a fervent Pentecostal believer drenched  
> in sweat, waves her arms in the air.  
> "Even if I die, I die with Jesus," she calls  
> out to no one in particular. "God bless this country.  
> God bless these people."  
> She has no home, and almost all her meager possessions  
> are gone, but she says, "I don't feel like I am in  
> trouble. Without Jesus, I would be in trouble."  
> The children sleep while Roche and Toussaint sing in  
> voices fast growing hoarse from hours of hymns. A chorus  
> builds behind them.  
> "If you believe in God, salvation is sure,"  
> the voices sing as one. "Oh God, open the way."  
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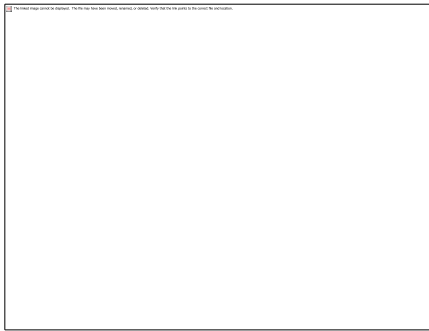
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Haiti update..... -Sekhmet

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| 31625|2010-01-26 07:57:05|Tafari khumbaka|FOXRICH BOOKSIGNING 02-06-2010"  
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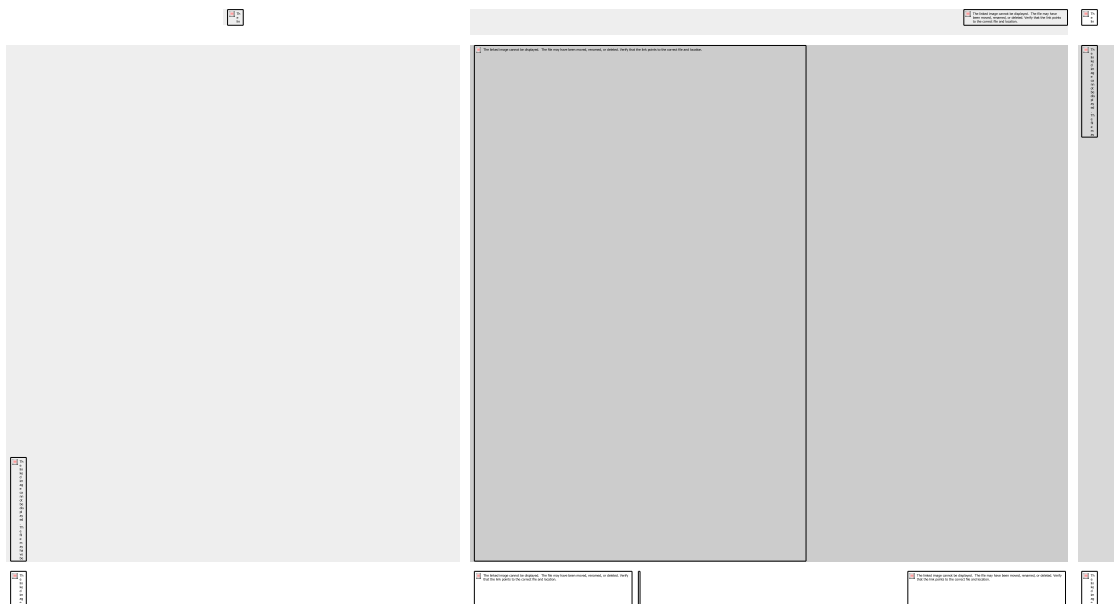
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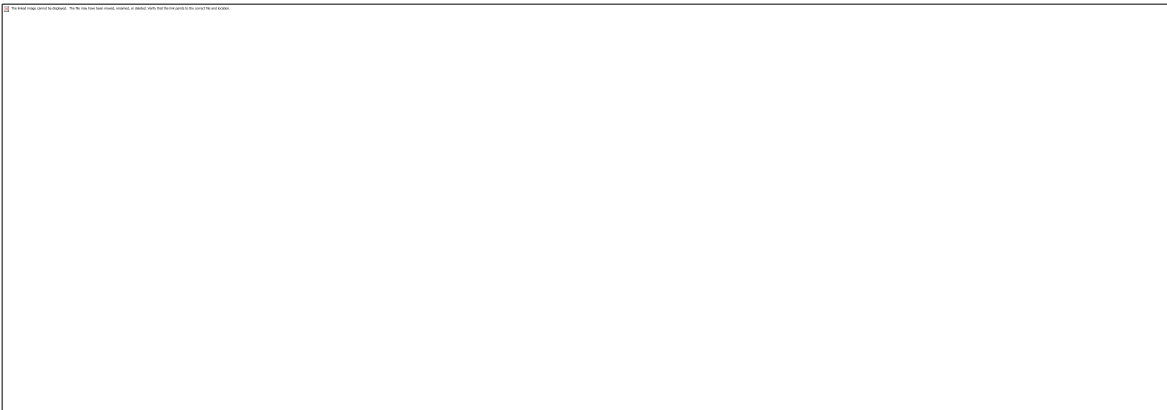
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| 31626|2010-01-26 07:57:27|Tafari khumbaka|Re: Fw: Haiti youtube docu.|

Its Frankietienne commenting on the fall of Haiti,

Frankietienne is the son of a white citizen who bought a young haitian girl.. Frankietienne is a nobel nominee for literature, also the vid says things were getting better in Haiti a out-right lie the whole island was being upsurped by the u.s. and the everyday people were being starved by the u.s.a ,Led gov. into submission and displacement and genocide.

late in vid it says Aristide gov. was corrupt .

Aristide gov. was the 1st hope since Dessaline and Le'overture.



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

--- On **Mon, 1/25/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Haiti youtube docu.

To: Ta\_Seti@yahooogroups.com

Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 5:16 PM

"Aristide a corrupt government.. .."

Tafari,

is that what is being said on the video? I don't know much about the Haitian government n

The other web link is just about the origins of Haiti and Voudoun.

Sekhmet

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--- On Fri, 1/22/10, Mensa Neru [cpas\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:cpas_usa@yahoo.com)

***Hetepu,***

**Very good biographical sketch of the real history of Haiti and the religio-philosophic al underpinnings that unite and bind the Haitian peoples. Truly a beacon of light in the African Diaspora. Check it out.**

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| 31627|2010-01-26 08:05:54|Peter Gray|Re: Travolta flies supplies to Haiti - Yahoo! News|  
More power to Travolta too!  
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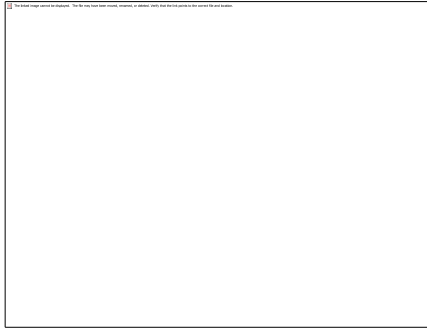
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| 31628|2010-01-26 14:29:41|shirley parker|Re: Africans in Mexico @ the Museum!!|

Sekhmet, if it is true about the mummy and columbus, then this would mean that the indians are not americas' first people and amerigos vespusi is yetanother lie...right?

Please let me know when you find futher info on this, I would deeply appreciate it and thank you

Sekhmet for this information..good job !

~shirley~

**sin: "to miss the point of human existence"**

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Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Africans in Mexico @ the Museum!!

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Cc: "hebrew" , "peter" , "lady owl"

Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 5:57 PM

"...Bullock is not...."

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I wonder why her nationality/ ethnicity even came up; it is way too easy to check. Thanks doing the research for us though, I guess she is getting ready to make another movie with : Hispanic/Latino theme or something and the producer(s) want to make an early excuse for using a real Hispanic in the role. They did the same thing with cowboy movies and even the mob/gangster....LOL!!! They had Hispanics playing Italian mobsters!!!

I found an old article about some Latin American country finding a "headless mummy" but a couple of years ago; once again proving that Africans beat Columbus to the Americas. I'll be able to still access the complete article before I say more about the find.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sun, 1/24/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Africans in Mexico @ the Museum!!

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Marc Washington"

Date: Sunday, January 24, 2010, 11:17 AM

Erratum: Sandi Bullock is not "hispanic"  
"latina" or even "spanish"

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000113/bio>

**Date of Birth**

26 July 1964, Arlington, Virginia, USA

**Birth Name**

Sandra Annette Bullock

**Nickname**

Sandy

**Height**

5' 7" (1.71 m)

**Mini Biography**

Born in a Virginia suburb of Washington, DC, to a German opera singer and a voice teacher, Sandra Bullock grew up on the road with her parents and younger sister. She often performed in the children's chorus of whatever production her mother was in. That singing talent later came in handy for her role as an aspiring country singer in [The Thing Called Love](#) (1993). Her family moved back to the Washington area when she was a teenager. She later enrolled in E. Carolina University in

North Carolina, where she studied acting. Shortly afterward she moved to New York to pursue a career on the stage. This led to acting in television programs and then feature films. She gave memorable performances in [Demolition Man](#) (1993) and [Wrestling Ernest Hemingway](#) (1993), but did not achieve the stardom that seemed inevitable for her until her work in the smash hit [Speed](#) (1994/I). She now ranks as one of the most popular actresses in Hollywood.

**IMDb Mini Biography By:** [David Montgomery](#)

#### Trivia

Her mother, opera singer [Helga Bullock](#), died in Arlington, VA. [April 4, 2000]

On People (USA) magazine's '50 Most Beautiful' list. [1999]

Ranked #58 in Empire (UK) magazine's "The Top 100 Movie Stars of All Time" list. [October 1997]

Chosen by People (USA) magazine as one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world [1996]

While working on [Two If by Sea](#) (1996), discovered she is allergic to horses.

She replaced [Demi Moore](#) in [While You Were Sleeping](#) (1995)

Wrote and performed her own song "Heaven Knocking On My Door" in [The Thing Called Love](#) (1993).

Replaced [Lori Petty](#) in [Demolition Man](#) (1993). Daughter of a German opera singer and an American voice coach.

Attended East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.

Graduated from Washington-Lee HS in Arlington, Virginia in 1982.

"...commenting on the fall of Haiti...son of a white citizen...bought a young haitian girl.."

Hold up, ... human trafficking of black females is the norm in Haiti in this day and age? Am I reading this right or did I take it out of context? Never mind...I will google this for myself; I thought that slavery was why Haiti was established in the first place.

Your "friend" Elizi Danto, wrote a 4 page article about this trafficking issue, I will see if I can find it to send to the forum.

"...people were being starved by the u.s. led gov...late in vid it said Aristide government was corrupt...the first hope since Dessalines...."

Interesting; I guess I will have to google this Aristide government era also. One site/article said he was kidnapped, another one said he was escorted to Africa due to death threats and/or a military coup....but, the "starving" thing, yes, the people were reduced to eating "earth pies" at one point. I wasn't there, so I have to rely on citizens accounts of Aristide's era. If you know of any "reliable" links/articles of the era, please let me know....I am getting conflicting information as it is.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Mon, 1/25/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Haiti youtube docu.

To: maatcollective@yahoogroups.com

Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 10:20 PM

Its Frankietienne commenting on the fall of Haiti,

Frankietienne is the son of a white citizen who bought a young haitian girl.. Frankietienne is a nobel nominee for literature, also the vid says things were getting better in Haiti a out-right lie the whole island was being usurped by the u.s. and the everyday people were being starved by the u.s.a ,Led gov. into submission and displacement and genocide.

late in vid it says Aristide gov. was corrupt .

Aristide gov. was the 1st hope since Dessaline and Le'overture.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On **Mon, 1/25/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Haiti youtube docu.

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 5:16 PM



"Aristide a corrupt government.. .."

Tafari,

is that what is being said on the video? I don't know much about the Haitian government myself. The other web link is just about the origins of Haiti and Voudoun.

Sekhmet

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From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Haiti youtube docu.

To: maatcollective@ yahoo. groups. com

Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 9:42 AM

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uH-LZb1McDA>

click above

Aristide a corrupt government?? ???..... ..



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On **Fri, 1/22/10, Mensa Neru** [cpas\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:cpas_usa@yahoo.com)


***Hetepu,***

**Very good biographical sketch of the real history of Haiti and the religio-philosophic al underpinnings that unite and bind the Haitian peoples. Truly a beacon of light in the African Diaspora. Check it out.**

**Elizi Danto**

**[http://www.marguerielaurent.com/ezilidanto\\_bio.html# vodun](http://www.marguerielaurent.com/ezilidanto_bio.html#vodun)**

**Men Sa Hai Neru**



| 31630|2010-01-26 16:24:54|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Africans in Mexico @ the Museum!!

"...she gave a million to (Haiti)...."

Whoa; makes my \$10 seem kind of paltry in comparison....LOL!! I always liked her movies and glad to hear she was so generous. My cousin told me that Tiger Woods gave \$3 million, but I haven't heard that from any of the talking heads so don't quote me or her on the validity of that "rumor" please. I had to take a mental break from the bad news for a while.

More "celebrities" are getting into the give mode...thank goodness...I just sent an article to the forum about John Travolta flying in supplies and people today....no "cc" to anyone.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 1/26/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Africans in Mexico @ the Museum!!

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 8:43 AM

"I wonder why ..."

So do I. But since she gave a million dollars to the Haiti relief effort, she can so wrong as far I'm concerned.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

CC: hebrew77@yahoo. com; atenergy@hotmail. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com

From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Mon, 25 Jan 2010 15:57:23 -0800

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Africans in Mexico @ the Museum!!

"...Bullock is not...."

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I wonder why her nationality/ ethnicity even came up; it is way too easy to check. Thanks for doing the research for us though, I guess she is getting ready to make another movie with a Hispanic/Latino theme or something and the producer(s) want to make an early excuse for not using a real Hispanic in the role. They did the same thing with cowboy movies and even the later mob/gangster....LOL!!! They had Hispanics playing Italian mobsters!!!

I found an old article about some Latin American country finding a "headless mummy" buried a couple of years ago; once again proving that Africans beat Columbus to the Americas. I'll see if I can still access the complete article before I say more about the find.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sun, 1/24/10**, **hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Africans in Mexico @ the Museum!!

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Marc Washington"

Date: Sunday, January 24, 2010, 11:17 AM

Erratum: Sandi Bullock is not "hispanic"  
"latina" or even "spanish"

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000113/bio>

**Date of Birth**

26 July 1964, Arlington, Virginia, USA

**Birth Name**

Sandra Annette Bullock

**Nickname**

Sandy

**Height**

5' 7" (1.71 m)

**Mini Biography**

Born in a Virginia suburb of Washington, DC, to a German opera singer and a voice teacher, Sandra Bullock grew up on the road with her

parents and younger sister. She often performed in the children's chorus of whatever production her mother was in. That singing talent later came in handy for her role as an aspiring country singer in [The Thing Called Love](#) (1993). Her family moved back to the Washington area when she was a teenager. She later enrolled in E. Carolina University in North Carolina, where she studied acting. Shortly afterward she moved to New York to pursue a career on the stage. This led to acting in television programs and then feature films. She gave memorable performances in [Demolition Man](#) (1993) and [Wrestling Ernest Hemingway](#) (1993), but did not achieve the stardom that seemed inevitable for her until her work in the smash hit [Speed](#) (1994/I). She now ranks as one of the most popular actresses in Hollywood.

**IMDb Mini Biography By:** [David Montgomery](#)

#### Trivia

Her mother, opera singer [Helga Bullock](#), died in Arlington, VA. [April 4, 2000]

On People (USA) magazine's '50 Most Beautiful' list. [1999]

Ranked #58 in Empire (UK) magazine's "The Top 100 Movie Stars of All Time" list. [October 1997]

Chosen by People (USA) magazine as one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world [1996]

While working on [Two If by Sea](#) (1996), discovered she is allergic to horses.

She replaced [Demi Moore](#) in [While You Were Sleeping](#) (1995)

Wrote and performed her own song "Heaven Knocking On My Door" in [The Thing Called Love](#) (1993).

Replaced [Lori Petty](#) in [Demolition Man](#) (1993).  
Daughter of a German opera singer and an

American voice coach.  
Attended East Carolina University in  
Greenville, North Carolina.  
Graduated from Washington-Lee HS in Arlington,  
Virginia in 1982.

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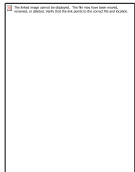
| 31631|2010-01-26 16:24:57|hebrew b'yisrael|Dump ALL U. S. Treasuries -- THE RUN IS ON THE DOLLAR NOW!!|

FX University Daily: Tuesday, January 26, 2010

## Why the World's Largest Bond Fund Is Dumping Treasuries

Also In Today's Letter.

- **Why the Bond King Doesn't Trust Treasuries Anymore**
- **An Incestuous Circle of Debt**
  - **Four Things You Need to Be a Savvier Trader**



Good dayand a Terrific Tuesday to you!

Earlier this month, the world's largest bond fund, PIMCO announced they are curtailing their Treasury buying for 2010.

For those new to the class, PIMCO is the "Bond King's," Bill Gross's fund. And if you don't know Bill Gross, Morningstar just named him "Manager of the Decade" for bond mutual funds in mid-January. And he definitely deserves that title.

Now back to the PIMCO story

This should have been BIG news, but for the most part, everyone (read: currency traders) were asleep at the wheel. Either that, or they really have drunk the Kool-Aid that the media has been passing out, and truly believe the U.S. recovery is in place.

After all who cares if the world's best bond investor is dumping Treasuries when it's all seashells and balloons for the U.S. economy from now on?

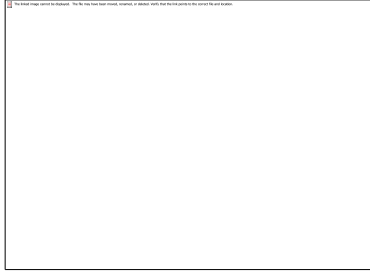
Frankly, I don't buy that for a second.

The fact that smart guys like Bill Gross are selling Treasuries just gives me another reason to believe the Treasury market is inching closer to bubble territoryand anyone buying long-dated Treasuries is just asking for trouble.

## Why the Bond King Doesn't Trust Treasuries Anymore

Of course, Bill Gross and the rest of the guys running PIMCO don't believe this recovery hogwash. Neither does the 2nd largest bond fund in the world, Kokusai Global Sovereign Open. They just announced that they are going to shun U.S. Treasuries in 2010.

Now why would these bond fund managers all dump their Treasuries? Here are the facts folks



The U.S. has to issue \$1.9 Trillion in new Treasuries in 2010 just to finance the budget deficit. Read: That's almost \$2 Trillion in new Treasuries. And that's just to finance the budget deficit. That ridiculous \$1.9 Trillion figure doesn't even cover other new expenses, like Obama's healthcare plan (if that should come back).

You have to ask yourself this question Who will buy \$1.9 Trillion worth of Treasuries this year? Now you may be thinking, "well, we never have had problems finding foreigners to buy our debt before." If so, you're not entirely correct.

On the contrary, it was extremely difficult to get foreigners to buy our Treasuries in 2009. In fact, of the \$1.5 Trillion of Treasuries issued in 2009, foreigners bought less than \$400 billion. U.S. institutions bought the rest.

Now, how did they do that? Oh! You haven't heard about this? Well sit back and get ready to gag

## An Incestuous Circle of Debt

Remember the Fed's Quantitative Easing program? Well, during 2009, Financial Institutions sold their toxic bonds to the Fed, then took the Fed's cash and reinvested it into Treasuries.

It all sound a little incestuous doesn't it? Well, the party ends in March of this year. That's when the Fed's Quantitative Easing bond buying program will supposedly end (assuming they end it on time as they have announced).

So, the Financial Institutions won't be selling their toxic waste bonds to the Fed anymore. The Fed also won't be funding the Financial Institutions' buying of Treasuries after March of this year.

That will leave Treasuries hung out to dry. And with the number 1 & 2 largest bond funds in the world not buying Treasuries, we're going to see some major damage to the values of outstanding Treasuries.

You see, if no one shows up to the auction window to buy Treasuries, then the U.S. Treasury Department is going to have only two choices.

First, they can raise interest rates aggressively to make the Treasuries more attractive. The existing Treasuries lose value, because as interest rates rise, the price of the bond goes down.

Price and yield have an inverse relationship with bonds. And that makes sense, given the old bond yields a certain amount, and the new bond yields always yield more. Which one would you want to buy? The new bond right? That cuts the value of all existing bonds.

But in doing so, they will also cause Treasury issues to take huge losses and deep-six the so-called "recovery" here in the United States.

Or, the second choice is to allow a general debasement of the dollar.

Unfortunately, I believe the government will have to do a little of both! And that's why, these two largest bond funds in the world, are shunning U.S. Treasuries in 2010.

It certainly looks to me as though, they made the right decision. I would suggest you follow their lead this year.

Let's get out of here and have a Terrific Tuesday, shall we?  
Chuck Butler

P.S. As the U.S. Treasury inflates the market with more and more debt, we inch closer and closer to the Treasury Bubble popping. Now of course that's bad news for Treasury holders. But it's a great opportunity to invest in gold, oil, and several other assets that soared five and six-fold the last time we had a Treasury Bubble pop in the United States. Get the full story on how you can bank on this rising trend [in our latest report](#).

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### **Make 2,400% as World's Most Popular Investment Turns Toxic**

It's a 92-year old investment. And it's been heralded, applauded and embraced the world over. It saved America from two World Wars, a depression, several recessions and funded our empire. But now, it's about to rip us apart and take the rest of the world down with us. The Financial Times says it could lead to "depression." But there are ways to rescue the bulk of your wealth even get 2-24 times richer off the event.

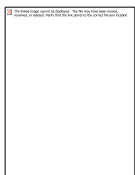
[Here's how](#)

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*From Professor FX*

## **Four Tricks to Higher Forex Profits**

**(Or, What Makes a Successful Forex Trader)**



Good day, traders!

I speak at conferences all around the world and everyone always wants to know "what's make a great Forex trader?"

For some strange reason, people think they can become a pro trader in stocks or currencies within a few weeks. But honestly, if you're trading on your own, and you want to become a pro, you usually need years of experience.

However, there are a few tricks that will get you faster. So let me quickly run through some of the best ways to cut your learning curve so you can crossover from being a mediocre amateur Forex dabbler, to a successful, highly profitable Forex trader

1. **Develop your character** The more you trade, the more you will find out about yourself. The better you learn how to control fear and greed and the

more patience you exercise, the better you will do in trading. Show me a good trader and I'll show you someone who exercises great control over his character. Believe it or not, my ministry background helps me in my trading. You find something that challenges your character too and you will be on your way to becoming a better trader.

**2. Get passionate** You have to want it more than others! If you casually trade then you will probably get horrible results. But if you hone your fundamental and technical skills you'll do well. This brings me to my next point

**3. Read, read and when you're done, read some more** I've learned through the years that readers rule the world. They gain knowledge that others don't have. Knowledge empowers you to be greater than you were before you read and learned so much. Channel flippers serve the readers in life. It's always been that way, and it always will be that way. Want to be great? Do your research and hone your fundamental and technical knowledge.

**4. Learn "the trader's edge"** What is this? Its two things. It's learning to stay on the side of the trend. It's also learning to risk only a small percentage of your overall portfolio on any one trade. Use simple moving averages to determine the trend, and then trade in that direction. Risk only 1-5% of your capital on any one trade. In other words, if you were to be stopped out, that's all that should exit your account balance!

I'll be back soon with more Forex tricks of the trade. Till then

Happy Trading!  
Sean Hyman, aka Professor FX

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Impossible to Control?**

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| 31632|2010-01-26 16:24:57|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fw: Haiti youtube docu.|

Alright Tafari, I did the google search and this is one that I found from a Haitian, see the article below from **the wehaitians** , written in 2004: (BTW, I find it VERY interesting that people request help from the USA, then blame the USA when they get the help....sounds like a "domestic abuse" call, which gets the police between a married couple.....never know WHAT the response will be from the victim.).... -Sekhmet.....

Posted January 20, 2004

# President Aristide, It's Time To Resign

By PARNELL DUVERGER

On January 1, 2004, Haitians celebrated the 200th anniversary of their country's independence by increasing the scope and intensity of public protests, held almost daily since September 2003, to denounce the human rights abuses, unparalleled corruption and economic mismanagement that define president Jean Bertrand Aristide's murderous dictatorship. On such an important date, Haitians gave up all joyful festivities, choosing instead to amplify their protests on the streets against the brutality of Mr. Aristide's Lavalas regime, as if to prove to the world, once again,

their unfailing readiness to continue to face death in an unending fight for freedom, human dignity, economic progress and social justice.

To honor and salute the courage and determination of the vast majority of Haitians who are now calling on their president to step down, as the only way to end the social unrest that paralyzes Haiti's economy, as well as renew hope for representative democracy and a prosperous free market economy in the troubled Caribbean nation, the United States should lead the international community in demanding that president Jean Bertrand Aristide resign immediately. Mr. Aristide's resignation is necessary for Haitians, as well as the international community, to put behind them a strange and sad Haitian saga that will be remembered forever as the greatest political fraud of the 20th century, a major policy blunder of the Clinton's administration, and an unqualified policy failure of the international community. Indeed, faced with widespread and growing protests throughout his entire country, and in Haitian communities abroad, president Aristide has lost the ability to govern and must resign without delay to spare his country further political violence and economic damage.

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### **The Greatest Political Fraud Of The 20th Century**

December 1990: Mr. Jean Bertrand Aristide becomes a presidential candidate in the elections that he spent months denouncing as a "ploy by America, the great Satan, to rob the people of Haiti of their revolution." At the same time, throughout the entire country, an ominous message appears on walls everywhere: "Elections or not, Lavalas will take over". In Haitian Creole, lavalas refers to a raging flood that leaves death and devastation on its trails, so the message is clear and Haitians understand it: if Jean Bertrand Aristide is not elected president on December 16, the country will face violent consequences. On elections day, representatives of Mr. Aristide's political party are the only ones admitted in polling places. All other political parties are excluded. Haitians who are not voting for Mr. Aristide are beaten up in the polling places. This includes Rev. pastor Sylvio Claude, a popular presidential candidate. Less than three hours into the voting process, Mr. Aristide's supporters rampage through the streets, proclaiming him the winner. Some are seen on television carrying ballot boxes to their private homes "to prevent the enemies of democracy from tampering with the ballots." According to his menacing supporters, Mr. Aristide won 67% of the vote. The elections are over. An official count is not performed, and no official results are ever published. Mr. Jean Bertrand Aristide is the new president of Haiti.

It is democracy by fraud and intimidation. But, it works. Fearing the violence announced by the new president's supporters, Haitians accept this "fait accompli". So does the international community. An ordained catholic priest and adept of the neo-Marxist theology of liberation, Mr. Aristide has no vision for the future of Haiti, nor does he propose a program of action as a blue print to guide his government and his country towards achieving social stability or economic development. The new president's only stated agenda is "to fight capitalism, a threat worse than AIDS, to confront and defeat the United States, the great Satan, to turn the streets of Port-au-Prince red with American blood should the United States oppose his violent brand of populist

neo-communism, to burn alive (through neck-lacing) "tonton macoutes" as all his opponents are now branded, and to insure that 'Haitian bourgeois capitalists' have a taste of the poverty plaguing the masses."

President Jean Bertrand Aristide's official speeches are colorful, violent and morbid. He holds a simple Manichean view of the world: on one side, those who support him as the new messiah of Haiti and whose motives are so pure that they are allowed and encouraged to use the most violent means to rid the country of all the others, on the other side, who oppose the new president's peculiar and offensive methods of governing, including his penchant for inciting violent class struggle. For Mr. Aristide, this malevolent "other side" includes anybody or group that doesn't support him, i.e. political opponents who are lumped together into one hated class of "duvalierists" or "tonton macoutes" who ought "to receive what they deserve", i.e. the infamous "P<sup>er</sup>lebrun", an atrocious death inflicted by placing a tire around a person's neck, dousing his or her body with gasoline and setting it afire, a barbarous act that Mr. Aristide finds inspiring for "the nice fire and the pleasant aroma" it produces.

As he inaugurates his administration on February 7, 1991, President Aristide launches his first formal attack on the Haitian Armed Forces, in violation of the Haitian constitution, publicly and dangerously, as well as on the country's economic elite. In the following seven months, the entire country remains in fear, an atmosphere of violent revolution reigns. The president and his prime minister, whose method of selection violated the constitution, are in war with the elected members of the Haitian parliament. Mr. Aristide's violent thugs make their first appearance on the political scene, invading the Haitian parliament, beating up the elected representatives who question his methods and raise concerns about the new bloody dictatorship already taking shape. Mr. Aristide's supporters take to the airwaves to claim that the Haitian constitution is now irrelevant. Opponents are being arrested by an illegal secret police while the deadly torture killing known as "Pe Lebrun" reigns supreme. As the international community remains silent, Haitians fear the worse. Finally, on September 30, 1991, Mr. Aristide's "Red Army", as his violent thugs are then known, stage armed attacks on a few small military posts throughout the country, killing soldiers and setting their barracks afire. The Haitian Armed Forces have enough and act quickly: Mr. Aristide is arrested and sent into exile, putting an end to the violence and the political chaos instituted by an unconstitutional "people's republic", patterned on revolutionary Libya. For Mr. Aristide's make believe or sound bite democracy, the set back is just temporary. The fraud against representative democracy and its core values of individual freedoms, freedom of enterprise, secured property rights, non-violent, free and fair elections, human rights and the sanctity of life, is going to continue to be carried out hold your breath from Washington, D.C., in the United States.

### **A Major Policy Blunder Of The Clinton Administration**

The Haitian military's attempt to rescue their country's budding representative system of democratic government from its kidnappers of the extreme left, would be short lived, however. The social engineers who had been busy helping Mr. Aristide establish his violent "people's democratic republic" decide to go into a self-imposed exile to rally around their deposed president in Washington D.C., of all places. It's a clever move that puts them in the international political power seat of the market economy or capitalism that their leader loves to hate as a "mortal sin." Soon, they are busy again helping Mr. Aristide raid Haitian Treasury funds in the United States, to mount an intensive and well moneyed campaign of lies and deceit, structured around an elaborate double talk about democracy, by which they mean the perverted "people's democratic republic" system of government claimed by Marxist and other dictatorships such as

communist China, Cuba, the former Soviet Union, or Libya, and which their well-paid lobbyists would continue to portray as the representative system of democratic government, so dear to real democrats of the free western world. Mr. Aristide's make believe or sound bite democracy is now in full swing: his neo-communist theology of liberation and his call for violent class warfare are muted, his violent speeches are forgotten, his attacks on his country's political, economic and civil institutions are occulted, and even his visceral anti-American obsessions and his rejections of America's democratic values are ignored.

Tens of millions of Haitian taxpayers' dollars are diverted into image reconstruction and influence buying for Mr. Aristide. In the United States, powerful forces are enlisted to whitewash Mr. Aristide's violent misrule as president of Haiti, and to campaign for his return to Haiti: the U.S. Congressional Black Caucus, expensive lobbyists, popular actors and other celebrities, as well as international bureaucrats. In Haiti, new "press agencies" entirely devoted to Mr. Aristide's political agenda are created and bankrolled for the specific purpose of controlling the news and disseminating the president's propaganda presented as news. Also, a gigantic operation is financed to deliver loads of boat people to Florida's shores as a mean of applying additional pressure on the Clinton's administration.

Indeed, when Bill Clinton inaugurates his presidency in January 1992, Mr. Aristide's already formidable lobbying and propaganda machine is well established in Washington's corridors of power. Soon, the new U.S. president reverses his negative opinion about Mr. Aristide's democratic credentials, rejects the CIA's negative views of Mr. Aristide's politics as unfair, partisan, and reflecting misinformation fed by members of a corrupt Haitian economic elite, and insists on returning the defrocked catholic priest to his presidential palace in Haiti. Suddenly, it is as if U.S. foreign policy toward Haiti is entirely driven by Mr. Aristide, who demands and obtains an international economic embargo against his own country, the poorest of the western hemisphere. This particularly bizarre turn of event appears to have led to the resignation Mr. Clinton's Special Envoy to Haiti, Mr. Lawrence Pezullo.

For Mr. Aristide, it gets even better as president Clinton gives him access to millions of dollars of Haitian Treasury funds located in the United States. Mr. Aristide digs deep into these funds, without any approval or control from the elected parliament or any other competent institution of the state of Haiti. Such funds are generously distributed to powerful lobbying firms, in addition to being spent on Mr. Aristide's very luxurious Washington lifestyle. For the exiled president, it is money well spent. Even the international media joins in the remaking and repackaging of Mr. Aristide's undemocratic and violent track record. A legend is born: Jean Bertrand Aristide, a catholic priest and elected president, devoted to the well being of his country and a candidate for sainthood, is leading an epic fight against his country's "most repugnant elite," sacrificing himself for the triumph of democracy around the world. Out of his boundless love for his country, Mr. Aristide asks the international community to impose a devastating economic embargo on the poorest country of our hemisphere and, finally, to send an international armada of 20,000 troops, led by the United States, to violate his country's sovereignty and pride, so that democracy, meaning him, could be restored. Only a couple of months after Mr. Aristide's triumphant return to Haiti, his most vocal opponent, Mrs. Mireille Durocher Bertin, an able lawyer, is assassinated in broad day light because she kept denouncing the embargo and the invasion of her country by foreign troops, while insisting that "a Haitian problem can only be solved by Haitians."

More political murders follow. But, the legend lives on. While the killings continue unabated, the international community looks the other way and the international media relay Mr. Aristide's

disinformation that, behind any criticism or questioning of his new bloody dictatorship, a "coup d'État" is lurking because "the laboratory" (read the CIA) will never give up trying to unseat him. It sounds and looks unreal, insane, unbelievable, incredible, but it is all true: Mr. Aristide's sound-bites or make-believe democracy has conquered the world and is even a model now, like in Mr. Chavez's new Venezuela. Even the United States is cowered into playing president Aristide's new game of democracy. Indeed, Mr. Aristide has now redefined democracy for the people of the Americas. Latin America is quick to understand and love the new game, and takes a turn to the left. The OAS and CARICOM have a new hero: Jean Bertrand Aristide is rewriting the rules of democracy, and guiding American principles and values are no longer a part of it. It is this game of make-believe democracy in Haiti, which must be regarded properly as a major foreign policy blunder of the Clinton administration, that has led to the current political impasse in the world's first independent black republic, because the country's tired, poor, abused, and betrayed majority is now saying that is has enough of this perversion of democracy. It wants the real thing. Too many lies and empty promises have been repeated ad nauseam, too much blood has been spilled: Mr. Aristide must now resign and face the consequences of his actions.

### **An Unqualified Failure Of The International Community**

After the international community returns him to power in Haiti in August 1994, Mr. Aristide is quick to seize control of everything everywhere. Competent Haitian professionals are unable to work in the public sector without an explicit recommendation from the president or one of his cronies. Graduating classes of the new police academy pledge allegiance to the president, not to their country, its constitution or its institutions. All institutions, political, economic, and civil, are under attack. The Haitian Armed Forces are disbanded illegally, and the soldiers' pension funds are seized. Phony criminal accusations are leveled in Haitian kangaroo courts against Mr. Aristide's political enemies, who are thrown in jail even when found innocent or deported from the United States to face sentences meted out by Haitian judges totally servile to Mr. Aristide. Hundreds more of the president's political opponents are simply murdered or go into self-imposed exile. The international community sees no evil and hears no evil: the new victims have no human rights, they are just evil tonton macoutes or duvalierists or members of a "corrupt economic or intellectual elite" who continue to want to be a thorn on Mr. Aristide's sensitive side. Haiti is transformed into a sad, deadly, cynical and disgraceful political spectacle. Haitians everywhere are ashamed, depressed and desperate. But, in this new Haitian world of make believe democracy, the international community loves Mr. Aristide's clever sound bites and doubletalk, and looks the other way. It's all good. As a democrat, Mr. Aristide is a pure fabrication of the international community. And, yes, he is also a Teflon president. Absolutely. With the exception of the new administration of U.S. president Georges W. Bush, whose team of competent policy advisors and political emissaries continue to display the wisdom and the courage of denouncing the barbarity of Mr. Aristide's dictatorship, the international community the OAS as well as CARICOM have wasted all their credibility and good will as actors in Haiti's political drama, because of their blind, persistent, defying and even arrogant support of Mr. Aristide's perverse notions of democracy, through words and deeds that have consistently shown the utmost disrespect and contempt for the people of Haiti. For this reason also, Mr. Aristide must resign, since only then can the opportunity be renewed for a new relationship based on mutual respect, common interests, trust, shared democratic values and true friendship between Haiti and member states of the OAS and CARICOM.

### **Mr. President, It's Time To Resign**

Feeling betrayed, sickened and outraged by the troubling relationship, some say the complicity,

between the Organization of American States (OAS), the Caribbean community (CARICOM), the region's institutional mediators and peacekeepers, and Mr. Aristide, in "diplomatic efforts" designed to buy time and allow the controversial Haitian president to remain in power at the expense at his country's national economy and political stability, Haitians of all walks of life, races and creed, rich and poor, within and without Haiti students, business men and women, human rights advocates, workers' unions, peasants, artists, intellectuals, women rights organizations, non-governmental organizations, political parties, professionals of all stripes, organized religions, educators, people of all races and creed, rich and poor, including large numbers of disappointed former supporters of an increasingly isolated president Aristide take to the streets daily demanding an end to the disgraceful orgy of violence, corruption, economic mismanagement, lies and deceit perpetrated against the sons and daughters of a suffering, but great and always hopeful nation. Too much bloodshed, they say, Aristide must go.

When all organized sectors of civil society join together in massive and sustained daily protests against a government, bringing social and economic activities to a halt, as is the case in today's Haiti, that government has lost the ability as well as any legitimacy to govern. Bloody repressions can be exercised against protesters, but the ability to govern is irretrievably lost. That is what Mr. Aristide needs to understand today, and that is the unique message that can be delivered to him by all other heads of government and true democrats around the world, if the suffering of the people of Haiti is to be shortened to give way to new hopes for individual freedoms, secured property rights, free, open and competitive economic markets, human rights, social justice, equal opportunities for all, dearly held values of free societies indeed, without which Haiti holds no hope for political stability, social harmony or economic progress.

As I look today at the images of a student's funeral procession being brutally dispersed by the police, as if insult was being piled upon injury, I keep thinking that, nearly two decades ago, Reverend father Aristide would have been at the forefront of the funeral party for this young man who died, on president Aristide's watch, for the very cause that the priest turned president claimed, then, to have espoused: the cause of freedom and human dignity for all Haitians. I keep thinking also about the following words of an anonymous philosopher to Pontius Pilate:

"Pilate Pilate you can spend eternity trying to demonstrate your neutrality, and therefore your innocence, forever it will be said that Jesus of Nazareth suffered under Pontius Pilate". Yes, like Pontius Pilate before him, it all happened on president Aristide's watch: the missed opportunities, the lies, the deceit, the suffering, the violence, the bloodshed, the despair and the hopelessness. President Aristide had much more than a fair chance. And, like the communists of the old Soviet Union before him, he has tried and failed. Let God be the judge of it all: his intentions, his words, and his deeds.

But, for now, even with the best of intentions, if any, it is no longer desirable, practical or possible for Mr. Aristide to govern Haiti. What is left for the controversial president to do is to give his suffering nation a fair chance to get what he promised for so long, but can now deliver only through his resignation: peace, social stability and a hopeful economic future for the world's first independent black nation and the poorest country of our hemisphere. Let us remain hopeful that, supported by honorable men and women of the Americas, president Georges Bush and his team of seasoned diplomats will find the words that can convince Mr. Aristide that yes, indeed, it's time for him to resign.

[\*\*Wehaitians.com, the scholarly journal of democracy and human rights\*\*](http://Wehaitians.com)

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Mon, 1/25/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Haiti youtube docu.  
To: maatcollective@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 10:20 PM

Its Frankietienne commenting on the fall of Haiti,  
Frankietienne is the son of a white citizen who bought a young haitian girl.. Frankietienne is a  
nobel nominee for literature, also the vid says things were getting better in Haiti a out-right lie  
the whole island was being upsurped by the u.s. and the everyday people were being starved by  
the u.s.a ,Led gov. into submission and displacement and genocide.  
late in vid it says Aristide gov. was corrupt .  
Aristide gov. was the 1st hope since Dessaline and Le'overture.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On **Mon, 1/25/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Haiti youtube docu.  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 5:16 PM

"Aristide a corrupt government.. .."

Tafari,

is that what is being said on the video? I don't know much about the Haitian government myself.  
The other web link is just about the origins of Haiti and Voudoun.

Sekhmet

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From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Haiti youtube docu.  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 9:42 AM

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uH-LZb1McDA>

click above

Aristide a corrupt government?? ???..... ..



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On **Fri, 1/22/10**, Mensa Neru [cpas\\_usa@yahoo.com](mailto:cpas_usa@yahoo.com)

***Hetepu,***

**Very good biographical sketch of the real history of Haiti and the religio-philosophical underpinnings that unite and bind the Haitian peoples. Truly a beacon of light in the African Diaspora. Check it out.**

**Elizi Danto**

**[http://www.marguerielaurent.com/ezilidanto\\_bio.html#vodun](http://www.marguerielaurent.com/ezilidanto_bio.html#vodun)**

**Men Sa Hai Neru**

| 31633|2010-01-26 16:24:59|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: Winter Classes|

--- On **Tue, 1/26/10**, AAS Atlanta [aasatlanta@gmail.com](mailto:aasatlanta@gmail.com) wrote:

From: AAS Atlanta

Subject: Winter Classes

To: "Ausar Auset Society Atlanta"

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 12:08 PM



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This class will teach the Kamitic Philosophy of Self through the teachings of the 11 Laws of God. The 11 laws of God govern all of the spiritual, mental, and physical aspects of man and woman. And, if they are applied to your life, you can expect to achieve a lawfully successful life. This course is based on the book, "Maat: 11 laws of God" by Ra Un Nefer Amen.

### **Mastering Meditation 12:30pm 1:45pm**

Learn how to master the fundamental techniques of meditation to improve your health, marriage, career, relationships, etc. This course instructs students on methods of tapping into the Indwelling Intelligence to make improvements in one's character, health, wealth, social conditions, and general well-being. The course is based on a success system as outlined in the book, "Kamitic Success" by Ra Un Nefer Amen.

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| 31634|2010-01-26 16:25:16|sekhmet Johnson|Slavery in Haiti....|

Hello Tafari,

I found the article that Ezili Danto wrote, it is long because she has a lot of links to other articles about the exploitation of Haiti, mineral rights and the people there for decades. I found it slightly confusing, only because like I said, I was mainly focused on troubles in Africa at the same time her articles were written. Anyhoo, she is also slamming the aid groups as being exploiters and not getting the aid to the people it is intended for, but that was before the earthquake took down everything...so folks can/should still donate to the **Haitian Red Cross**....please, or the charity of your choice. - Sekhmet

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**December 25, 2009**

## **The Slavery in Haiti the Media Won't Expose**

*By Ezili Danto*



[The Slavery in Haiti the Media Won't Expose](#)



Every year one or more of these organization - CNN,

NBC, [New York Times](#), [Associated Press](#), Reuters, Miami Herald, [ABC/Nightline](#) or another such mouthpiece of the new West Indian trading companies - will, like clockwork, do a piece on how the disease-ridden Haitian poor in Haiti *own* child domestic servants known as- *restaveks* - Kreyòl or *stay with*. Poor young children, mostly small girls, who go *stay with* another family to work for their keep because their own families can't feed and shelter them. They mostly deliberately misidentify this phenomenon - which is present in EVERY poor country - as *slavery* ONLY in Haiti and solely, it seems, to feed the American public with its regular dose on the absurdity of an independent nation of Blacks trying to rule itself without a white colonial figurehead; how uncivilized these Blacks are in their gross treatment of their children as slaves!

This constant popular U.S. media hit on Haiti apparently feeds the white psyche's programming on Haiti, its expectations and their US/Euro cultural narratives of superiority while throwing shame on Haiti precisely to marginalize, ad nauseam, Haiti's great feat of abolishing European chattel slavery, the Triangular Trade and direct colonialism. (See, [Slavery Still Legally Sanctioned under US Constitution](#) and [The Untold Story: U.S. Slavery In The 20th Century](#). See also, [Letter to AP Editors on Restavek Issue](#); Haitian child restaveks - domestic servants - does not equate to the European TransAtlantic trade/holocaust | [Ezili's counter narrative on the ABC/Nightline report on the abuse of Haitian children](#), July 9, 2008 ; and Restavek: [Letter to the New York Times - Demonizing the Gonaives Hurricane Victims](#), Sept. 14, 2008.)

Exploitation of child domestics is [a global problem, not a Haitian "slavery" issue](#):

"...Studies in Indonesia estimate there are around 400,000 child domestic workers in Jakarta alone and 5 million in Indonesia as a whole. In Venezuela 60 per cent of the girls working between 10 and 14 years of age are employed as domestic workers. Country surveys showed that the proportion of child domestic workers under ten years of age was 26 per cent in Venezuela, 24 per cent in Bangladesh, and 16 per cent in Togo. A survey in Morocco showed that 72 per cent of domestic workers started their working day before

7.00am and 65 per cent went to bed after 11.00pm." (Child Labour: Targeting the intolerable, ILO 1996; Jafrikayiti, from Exploitation of child domestics is a global problem, not a Haitian "slavery" issue. [Windows on Haiti Ann Pale forum discussion of the restavek issue](#), 2003.)

"To equate the restavek issue to slavery is to trivialize the ownership, sanctioned by Euro-American laws, of Africans starting from 1503 in Haiti and ending in 1803 in Haiti when the Africans wrestled their liberty from the European enslavers in combat. That human trafficking trade continued in the US until the Civil War and bears little resemblance to the phenomenon, in most poor countries where children are sent as servants to work at places where they may find an education and food. That restaveks are abused and exploited in Haiti, as in the rest of the developing world, is not questioned.

But the exploitation is ILLEGAL in Haiti. The Haiti child restavek indentured servant issue cannot be equated to the Maafa, to the Euro-American chattel slavery of the TransAtlantic nor the European Trans-Mediterranean slave trade. That's a period, no comma. To do so is to trivialize the European sponsored African holocaust - Maafa." ([Child domestic labor in Haiti is NOT chattel slavery in the way of Western European-styled slavery was.](#))

In none of these journalistic "Haiti exposes" - from a country that [still legally sanctions slavery](#) under the US Constitution - will the world ever learn of the [Haitian struggle](#) against neocolonialism. How Haiti is destroyed by its ceaseless [independence debt](#) now being extorted by the powerful through neo-liberal economic policies; ravaged by the eleven to thirteen [mercenary families](#) -the US/Euro subcontractors in Haiti - who, with the complicity of the US/Euros and their coup d'etats exclude the majority, own most of the country's wealth while the majority starve and live in utter misery and poverty. How Haiti is ravaged by this tyranny of the rich, by [unfair trade](#), the fraud and corruption of false aid, false benevolence, false

charity, false food aid, and the false Christian missions whose help mostly don't reach the intended poorest of the poor but services the rich, *blan kolon* and the global elite's agenda of keeping Haiti in debt and contained-in-poverty.

The mainstream media routinely publishes these articles citing self-serving charities and NGOs pontificating on the horrors of child domestic labor amongst the poor majority- *ti p iewa*- in Haiti. But they conveniently ignore the real tyrants - the pillaging wealthy at the very top who deny the masses a voice, their votes, economically enslave the poor Haitian majority and cause the perpetuation of the wretched survival system of child domestic servants. They conveniently ignore, for instance, that there may be [more](#) poor Haitian children being sponsored at \$20 to \$40 a pop by Christian missions and the global multinational charity businesses making a profit off Haiti's poverty than there are children in Haiti.

These special media reports and the NGO "research" studies - to get more grants off the backs of Haitians- ignore that, not only does this charity money raised - *in the name* of helping poor children like the ones who are so poor in Haiti they must be lent out to another poor family for work purposes as *restavek* - child laborers/indentured servants - **not reach** such children but the amount that is spent in Haiti is mostly spent on either the child of the rich or the relatively more well-off Haitian child. The real poor child is merely used as BAIT to raise funds that mostly doesn't reach them or help their kind to any great extent in Haiti. The bulk of the money raised by charities and NGOS, in the name of "*helping the poor Haitian people*," mostly, like US/Euro foreign aid to Haiti, stays in the US or in Europe, or is used for salaries for these do-gooders and their Haitian sycophants, for obtaining an Old Dixie Planter's lifestyle in Haiti, for administrative fees, for shipping fees, for dumping food at harvest time to further impoverish the Haitian farmer. But this enslavement, this organized violence at the top in Haiti which creates, since the [Independence Debt](#), the individual violence at the bottom won't get any press. No.

You won't see the mainstream media publishing articles on the institutionalized poverty pimp system in Haiti, going on for over half-a-century now, starting since the early 1950s, headed by the United States through USAID, USAID insiders and contracted out to the major multinational charitable NGO businesses -

CARE International, [Catholic Relief Services](#), World Vision, et al...- , that uses the Haitian poor as bait to collect funds, research grants, food aid contracts, to collect shipping and distribution contracts for the privileged foreigner and their Haitian sycophants so to get richer, more power, maintain the Old Dixie status quo in Haiti. They won't explain that there are false orphanages, [like those described in Schwartz' book](#), that ensures the poor will remain poor and the poor peasant's child will have to become a child servant for sheer survival. And there's false food aid that destroys Haiti's security, dignity and food sovereignty, creates slums like Site Soley.

This real slavery, this organized tyranny and corruption at the top - the enslavement of Haiti's majority by USAID/World Bank/IFI/IMF's poverty pimp system, run mostly by reputable charities/NGOs and the [Haitian Oligarchy](#) - the handful of "white Haitians" - Haiti's economic elite that are the richest people in the Western Hemisphere; this slavery is never exposed in these articles and special reports on child "slavery" in Haiti. (See [Ezili Dant's review of TRAVESTY in Haiti - A true account of Christian missions, orphanages, fraud, food aid and drug trafficking](#), a book by Timothy T. Schwartz; [HLLN on oversight needed on USAID](#); [Letter to the Editors Regarding the Restavek issue in Haiti](#); [Food Donation Rot in New York while Haitian Storm Victims Starve and Die](#), Sept. 8, 2008; and [HLLN Update: Paterson's Timeline for delivery of donated goods for Haiti storm victims](#).)

The African warriors in Haiti fought the English, French, Spanish and a US blockage in order to abolish slavery and take Haiti's independence in 1804. But lone Haiti has been fighting these same forces to maintain its independence, since 1806, when the first successful foreign-supported coup d'etat - that is, the assassination of Haiti's founding father, Jean Jacques Dessalines. It's been since then that the bourgeois/Affranchi/mulatto/white Haitians have been enslaving, through neocolonialism (debt, dependency, privatization, free trade, false aid, false benevolence, [wage slavery](#) and foreign domination/UN occupation), the entire Haitian masses. (See, the [New Slavery Model Fulfilling Leclerc's imperative](#) and [Haiti Forum 2009](#).)

That SLAVERY - the tyranny of the tiny monopoly/mercenary families in Haiti and the USAID/NGO system that supports it for corporate America maintaining the dependency, debt, [exclusion](#), apartheid, unfair wages, the fraud, corruption and false benevolence- is the reason Haitians continue to run to the high seas for refuge, preferring death than to stay enslaved to [Haiti's Oligarchy](#) and NGOs as continued today by the US/UN occupation. ([Capsized, 85 Haitians dead: Haiti's Holocaust Continues - Asylum, Amnesty, Justice denied our kind](#); [Haiti's Holocaust and Middle Passage Continues](#); [The Collar of Impunity: Sexual abuse of Haiti children by Priests, Charity Workers](#) and [UN Peacekeepers and Humanitarian Aid Workers](#)

[raping, molesting and abusing Haitian children.](#))

For all the unscrupulous and shady businessmen and governments of the world, Haiti has always been a fiscal paradise because [the Neocolonialists' manufactures fear, racists myths and false stereotypes](#) about Haitian brutality, [inherent poverty](#), lack of [natural resources](#), [incompetence](#) (the common neocolonial storyline/[media lies](#)), inherent [violence](#), [decontextualizes Haiti's legacy of impunity/corruption](#) and lies about Haiti not having a viable indigenous culture. These myths, stereotypes, racist lies and self-serving fears control, promote and maintain the world's negative perceptions of Haiti so that empire, their predatory "charitable" and "benevolent" NGOs and the world's corporate oligarchs may contain-Haiti-in-poverty the better to [rob it blind](#). (See also, [Oil in Haiti - Economic Reasons for the UN/US occupation](#); [Expose the lies - Haiti's Riches: Interview with Ezili Dant](#) [Mining in Haiti](#); [HLLN on the causes of Haiti deforestation and poverty](#); [Haiti Riches](#) Links; [Digging up Haiti](#); [Map of mining resources in Haiti and showing five oil/gas sites in Haiti](#); [Pointing Guns at Starving Haitians: Violent Haiti is a myth](#); [Legacy of Impunity](#); [Comparing crime, poverty and violence in the rest of the Hemisphere to Haiti](#); [The Two Most Common Neocolonial Storylines about Haiti](#), HLLN [Counter Colonial Narrative](#) Links, [The Independence Debt](#), [The causes of Haiti's poverty and deforestation](#); [Ezili's counter-colonial narrative on Vodun](#); [Haiti Policy Statement for the Obama Team](#), [Recommended HLLN Links \(Energy and Mining in Haiti\): The wealthy, powerful and well-armed are robbing the Haitian people blind](#), and a June 13, 2008 [Nouvelliste](#) article alleging, in sum, that "...in these last months, more than 40 to 50% of the imported rice that is subsidized by the Haitian State is CONSUMED in the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC?.... And that even Haitian clandestinely subsidized petroleum products, cheaper Haiti oil products, are also being consumed by wealthy foreign ships passing through Haitian waters, instead of the impoverished and starving Haitians these food and gas subsidies were intended to benefit..." )

That SLAVERY gets no press coverage. Yet, it is the root cause of the continuing child domestic servant issue and Haiti's institutionalized impoverishment. Indeed the media failure to report the truth, their [lies](#) and [simplistic](#) reporting about Haiti, allows impunity for the mercenary families, their agents and US/Euro collaborators. The mainstream media will not do exposes showing that Haiti's poverty, deforestation and instability is the result of the theft and exploitation of Haiti by the world's wealthy countries, their corporations and subcontracting, non-tax-paying [Haitian mercenary families](#). These untouchables - Category Two (*Bafy*  $\square$  *yo*)- get no such mainstream journalistic exposes though they, with their forces (*Nd*  $\square$  *em*  $\square$  ) - *that is, the military, economic, diplomatic, political, neocolonial and media power of the US/Euro imperialist (Category One)* are the ones maintaining slavery, misrule and poverty in Haiti - turning an entire nation of over 9 million Blacks into *restaveks*!

*Ezili HLLN's work and media campaign gives voice to this Haiti narrative and enslavement. We are re-memorizing the dismembered Bwa Kayiman call - E, e, Mbomba, e, e! Kanga Bafy  $\square$  Kanga Munde. Kanga Nd  $\square$  Kanga yo!*

Our intention at Ezili's HLLN is to extend from our [Ginen source](#), create a new paradigm - help liberate and develop Haiti and thus foil the black collaborators/traitors (kanga bafy/em>), stop the tyrannical white settlers/blanc strangers (kanga munde). Bind all their evil forces/sorcerers (kanga Nd/em>). Stop their Nd - that is, their fraud, false charity, false media, false schooling of Haiti's children, false NGOs, false charity, false Christian missions in haiti, false USAID benevolence, false humanitarian aid and their media untruths. Stop them!

E, e, Mbomba! Kanga Bafy Kanga Munde. Kanga Nd Kanga li!

[Ezili Dant/HLLN](#)

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**For more background information:**

[Listen to the Welfare Poets's song Sak Pase and their reciting \(at 2:05\) the Bwa Kayiman invocation or call:](#) E, e, Mbomba! Kanga Bafy Kanga Munde. Kanga Nd Kanga li!;

Please also refer to the three posts by Ezili Dant written back in August of 2003, before the occupation where I wrote: Beloved, know, no matter what you hear from the **Bafy**, **Mundeles** or **Nd**, Haitians love themselves and their children and Haitians are pushing to come together to stop the abuse of poor, unprotected children, as well as to raise awareness of the plight of the Restavek. These three post give a historical perspective, some critical observations, and hopefully, will add to the many concerned Haitian voices clamoring to legally amend Chapter 9 of the Haitian Labor Code which sanctions child domestic labor, and, for a nationwide educational campaign on parenting and the rights of Haitian children.

<http://annpale.com/phpbb/viewtopic.php?p=720#720>

<http://annpale.com/phpbb/viewtopic.php?p=721#721>

[http://annpale.com/phpbb/viewtopic.php?p=722#722.](http://annpale.com/phpbb/viewtopic.php?p=722#722)

- See, **Slavery Still Legally Sanctioned under US Constitution** - The 13th Amendment states: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, **EXCEPT** as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." For more on slavery in the US, sharecropping and the peonage system, see - [The Cotton Pickin' Truth..Still on the plantation](#); [The Untold Story: Slavery In The 20th Century](#).

Know that: - "An increasing number of prisons in the U.S. are run by corporations, using their prisoners as workers and selling their labor to corporations. Federal safety and health standards do not protect prison labor, nor do the National Labor Relations Board policies. The corporations do not even have to pay minimum wage.

- "J.C. Penney, Victoria's Secret, IBM, Toys R Us and TWA are among the US corporations that have profited by employing prisoners. Put together long mandatory sentences for minor drug offenses, a strong racial bias, prisons run by corporations for profit, the sale of convict labor to



corporations, and a charge for prison room and board and you have a modern system of bonded labor - a social condition otherwise known as slavery." [from [Take It Personally: How to Make Conscious Choices to Change the World](#) edited by Anita Roddick, p.75]

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"...The US government must stay out of our affairs and let us run our country. Each time they organize a coup d'état in Haiti - we have already 35 or 36 coups d'état in our history - we have to start over. This US policy of wanting to control everything in Haiti is blocking development as well as political, social or sociopolitical progress..." (--Lovinsky Pierre Antoine, interview entitled "[Sovereignty and Justice in Haiti](#)" by Darren Ell, March 4, 2007)

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[Haitian-Americans ask the US Congress and President](#) to...end the UN occupation; stop unequal immigration treatment of Haitian refugees and asylum seekers; cancel, without condition, Haiti's debt to international financial institutions; void unfair trade laws, start fair and reciprocal trade, restrict free trade so not to dump food and other imports into Haiti that eviscerate Haiti's domestic growth and by also calibrating Haiti's domestic needs for agricultural expansion, public works, job creation, health care, schools, sanitation, infrastructure, and by adding enforceable human rights, labor, environmental rights provisions in US trade laws; permanently stop all deportations to Haiti, grant TPS; release of the political prisoners; stop trading for Haiti with USAID - foreign aid should go directly to the Haitian government; demand new foreign aid guidelines and oversight of USAID in Haiti; [respect Haitian sovereignty and the Haitian vote](#); return President Aristide; investigate the role of US in the 2004 coup d'état where US Special forces forcibly exiled President Jean Bertrand Aristide via an unmarked plane used for renditions.

- U.S. good governance and democratic enhancement policies administered by USAID should result in maximizing, not depleting or obliterating the Haitian Diaspora's \$2 Billion annual remittances and investments in Haiti; the next US Congress and President should implement new US foreign assistance regulations, guidelines and oversight to ensure foreign aid administered by USAID actually reaches the people in need, doesn't stay in Washington and is not primarily used for USAID's political benefactors, NGOs and non-profit's administrative, salary or shipping/transportation fees. (For complete details, go to: [What Haitians and Haitian-Americans Ask of the New US Congress and President](#) and [Haiti Policy Statement for the Obama Team](#)).

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[HLLN's Letter to AP Editors on Restavek Issue](#)

**On AP story entitled Report says 225,000 Haiti children work as slaves written by Evens Sanon**

**Regarding the Restavek issue in Haiti and [The Slavery in Haiti the Media Won't Expose](#)**

Dear AP Editors:

*We are writing you today in referenced to the Associated Press' story by Evens Sanon, entitled ["Report says 225,000 Haiti children work as slaves."](#)*

*The article, citing the Pan American Development Foundation, explains that "Poverty has forced at least 225,000 children in Haiti's cities into slavery as unpaid household servants, far more than previously thought" and "said some of those children -- mostly young girls -- suffer sexual, psychological and physical abuse while toiling in extreme hardship."*

*At Ezili's HLLN we find it repugnant when children are forced to work for food and shelter, not provided with good schooling and a loving and nurturing childhood is stolen from them. We all must together change this for the world's poor. But our concern is that in all poor countries there is some form of child labor. Until very recently child labor was also prevalent in industrialized countries including the United States. Today, the media is calling child domestics "slaves" only in Haiti. This is far too obvious, racist, arbitrary and capricious. Please consider reporting on the real enslavement in Haiti - that is, the slavery in Haiti the media won't expose: eleven to thirteen mercenary families in Haiti own most of the country's wealth while the majority starve and live in utter misery and poverty.*

*There would not be child labor in Haiti without the tyranny of the rich, the false charity of US/Euro Christian missions, the false orphanages, false food aid, false Euro/US benevolence administered by USAID that serves the wealth-off in Haiti not the poorest of the poor and the regime changes and coup d'etats they sponsor with the backing of US/Euro governments to keep the majority of Haitians in poverty's bondage. (See, [Ezili Dant's review of TRAVESTY in Haiti - A true account of Christian missions, orphanages, fraud, food aid and drug trafficking.](#))*

*Euro/US financial colonialism, false charity and fraudulent free trade destabilizes, causes famine, instability and slums in Haiti. This allows the wealthy to exploit the poorest of the poor and forces the poor to send their children to relatives or others supposedly better able to take care of them. Your media ought to report this and stop the capricious colonial narrative that only labels Haitian child domestics as "slaves" but won't report what causes Haiti's impoverishment.*

*The long term solution for Haiti's future, for Haiti's small children is equitable distribution of the [Haiti's resources](#), an end to foreign-sponsored dependence, false benevolence, occupation/dictatorships/regime change and the monopoly of the rich, forced scarcity and assimilation, [exclusion of the majority](#), endless debts, financial colonialism, and the [fraudulent free trade](#) of US foreign policy that causes famine, wage slavery and containment in perpetual poverty.*

*(For more, go to: [The Slavery in Haiti the Media Won't Expose](#), and [TRAVESTY in Haiti - A true account of Christian missions, orphanages, fraud, food aid and drug trafficking.](#)) Thank you.*

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See also,

[Restavek: Letter to the New York Times - Demonizing the Gonaives Hurricane Victims](#), Sept. 14, 2008

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[Report says 225,000 Haiti children work as slaves](#)

By EVENS SANON ([AP](#)) December 23, 2009

*PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti -- Poverty has forced at least 225,000 children in Haiti's cities into slavery as unpaid household servants, far more than previously thought, a report said Tuesday.*

*The Pan American Development Foundation's report also said some of those children -- mostly young girls -- suffer sexual, psychological and physical abuse while toiling in extreme hardship.*

*The report recommends Haiti's government and international donors focus efforts on educating the poor and expanding social services such as shelters for girls, who make up an estimated two-thirds of the child servant population.*

*Young servants are known as "restavek" -- Haitian Creole for "stays with" -- and their plight is both widely known and a source of great shame in the Caribbean nation that was founded by a slave revolt more than 200 years ago.*

*Researchers said the practice is so common that almost half of 257 children interviewed in the sprawling Port-au-Prince shantytown of Cite Soleil were household slaves.*

*Most are sent by parents who cannot afford to care for them to families just slightly better off. Researchers found 11 percent of families that have a restavek have sent their own children into domestic servitude elsewhere.*

*Despite growing attention to the problem, researchers said their sources were unaware of any prosecutions of cases involving trafficking children or using them as unpaid servants in this deeply poor nation of more than 9 million people.*

*Glenn Smucker, one of the report's authors and a cultural anthropologist known for extensive work on Haiti, said he believes the number of restavek children is increasing proportionally with the population of Port-au-Prince as more migrants flee rural poverty to live in the capital.*

*The researchers surveyed more than 1,400 random households in five Haitian urban areas in late 2007 and early 2008, with funding help from the U.S. Agency for International Development.*

*The most widely used previous number for restaveks came from a 2002 UNICEF survey, which estimated there were 172,000.*

*The new report used a broader counting system to include children related to household owners but still living in servitude, such as nieces or cousins, and as well as "boarders" living temporarily with another family but are still forced to provide labor.*

*"Most people working with restavek children ... think that these numbers, both ours and UNICEF's, are actually underestimating the problem," said Herve Razafimbahini, the Pan American Development Foundation's program director in Haiti.*

*He called for Haitian officials to conduct a national survey to analyze the full scope of the problem, including in rural areas.*

*Officials with the Ministry of Social Affairs could not be reached for comment Tuesday.*

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*Associated Press writers Evens Sanon reported this story from Port-Au-Prince and Jonathan M. Katz reported from San Juan, Puerto Rico.*

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| 31635|2010-01-26 16:25:20|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti's \$1bn Debt?|

Some of the comments in this article are....humorous IMO, like the government has not been visible....HELLO!!!! his home AND the capital bldg were destroyed....duh. He is living in a tent like MOST of the citizens. And "yeah", it will take YEARS to rebuild and they are still looking at hurricane season coming up this year.

Anyhoo, does anyone know how Haiti made a one BILLION debt? (((shaking my head))), maybe it is that pesky "taxes and interest" I suppose. With my "credit rating" I can't afford to get a loan for a bus pass. -Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

Published on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 by [The Telegraph/UK](#)

## **West Urged to Write Off Haiti's \$1bn Debt**

**Western governments have been urged to write off Haiti's international debts of nearly \$1 billion (620 million) after its prime minister said rebuilding the country could take a decade.**

by Nick Allen in Port-au-Prince

Jean-Max Bellerive told an emergency meeting of ministers in Montreal, including US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, that the "colossal" effort would take "at least five to 10 years".

He said: "The people of Haiti will need more and more and more in order to complete the reconstruction. What we're looking for is a long-term commitment. Haiti needs the massive support of its partners in the international community in the medium and long term."

Responding to criticism that the Haitian government had been almost invisible during relief efforts he said it was working in "precarious conditions".

"We are fully conscious that the prime responsibility for our future lies in the hands of the Haitian government and the Haitian people."

Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper said: "It was not an exaggeration to say that at least 10 years of hard work awaits the world in Haiti."

Officials from a dozen countries, the United Nations, the European Union and the International Monetary Fund attended the talks to discuss the aid effort and make initial rebuilding plans.

They looked at whether to relocate the capital Port-au-Prince away from its present site. Around 235,000 survivors have already fled the blighted city.

The Montreal talks were expected to lay the groundwork for a full-fledged donors conference in the coming weeks at which pledges of money for reconstruction will be made.

Diplomats raised the possibility of a rebuilding project similar to the Marshall Plan, the US-led postwar reconstruction of Europe, which would take many years.

Nearly two weeks after the worst recorded disaster in the Americas there

was still confusion over the death toll. One Haitian minister said 90,000 bodies had been collected, another said 150,000. One third of the buildings in Port-au-Prince are destroyed and at least one million people are homeless.

Haiti was already the poorest country in the Western hemisphere and groups including Oxfam and The World Council of Churches called on ministers to immediately cancel its full \$890 million (550 million) international debt.

They also asked for delivery on the IMF's previous pledge to turn a \$100 million (62 million) interest-free loan to into a grant.

Oxfam International executive director Jeremy Hobbs said: "Expecting Haiti to repay billions of dollars as the country struggles to overcome one of the worst natural disasters in recent memory would be both cruel and unnecessary." Britain has already cancelled all debts owed to it by Haiti and called on all remaining creditors to do the same.

With the planting season just two weeks away Oxfam also called for support for Haiti's farmers to prevent a man-made food crisis. There were also calls for cash grants which would be used to pay earthquake survivors to clear up the rubble.

There has already been widespread criticism of the relief effort in Haiti which came under further attack from Italy's civil protection chief, Guido Bertolaso. Mr Bertolaso was acclaimed for his handling of the aftermath of last April's earthquake in L'Aquila, Italy.

In an extraordinary outburst in Port-au-Prince he called the US-led effort in Haiti a "pathetic" failure, saying it was too reliant on military personnel. The US has sent 20,000 troops and anchored a hospital ship offshore.

He said: "I think it has truly been a pathetic situation. It could have been run a lot better, "The Americans are extraordinary but when you are facing a situation in chaos they tend to confuse military intervention with emergency aid, which cannot be entrusted to the armed forces. "It's a truly powerful show of force but it's completely out of touch with reality." Mr Bertolaso, who holds the rank of a government minister, also accused individual countries and aid agencies of conducting a "vanity show".

He said: "Unfortunately there's this need to make a 'bella figura' before the TV cameras rather than focus on what's under the debris." The Italian Government immediately distanced itself with a clearly embarrassed Franco Frattini, the foreign minister, saying: "The Italian government does not share these statements." Meanwhile, the UN and children's charities criticised plans by the US, Belgium, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Spain, to fast-track adoption procedures for taking orphans out of Haiti.

"We are very concerned that there are increasing reports that children are being picked up and trafficked out of the country," said UNICEF spokesman Kent Page, although he had no details of specific cases.

There was also disagreement over a plan by European countries to send 350 police officers to help with aid distribution as looting continued in Port-au-Prince.

Six countries - France, Italy, Spain, the Netherlands, Portugal and Romania - agreed to send officers but Britain opposed the idea, saying the US had enough troops there already.

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| 31636|2010-01-26 16:25:26|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti: Black Jacobins|

Hello Peter,

I copied the *Summary of the Black Jacobins* below (had not heard of it before, so thanks), and "no" I don't know who wrote the summary, but L'Ouverture gottreated really severely for helping to create Haiti. (It must be that "black thing").... -Sekhmet

***The Black Jacobins***



An interesting historical account, *The Black Jacobins*, by C.L.R. James, examines the Haitian (San Domingo) Revolution of 1791-1803. Throughout the book, James takes an original look at revolution by analyzing revolutionary potential and progress according to economic and class distinctions, rather than racial distinctions ([note1](#)).



James intriguingly interweaves the goings on of the French Revolution with the Haitian Revolution, and relates the events and influences of each to one another. San Domingo is the ultimate French colony, and also the focal point of the African slave trade for the French empire. Because of this, France's struggles with the United States, Britain, and within its own varying social classes, invariably affect the progress of the revolution in San Domingo. Because, for James, class distinctions are stressed over those of race, he sees the French Revolution as not only a background, but a heavy influence on the Haitian Revolution as well. Events such as the proletariat uprisings and the taking of the Bastille have heavy impacts on the Slaves of San Domingo.

*The Black Jacobins* also focuses on Toussaint L'Ouverture as the revolutionary spearhead and organizational leader. L'Ouverture's life and his leadership of the revolution are examined as well as the revolution itself. He is credited with uniting the revolutionary forces, as well as leading many of the most important battles. His influence, as well as that of the French Revolution, is a main propellant of the book. He spearheads the revolution nearly to the end when he is captured, and then some of his most powerful generals, Moise and Dessalines, complete the revolution.

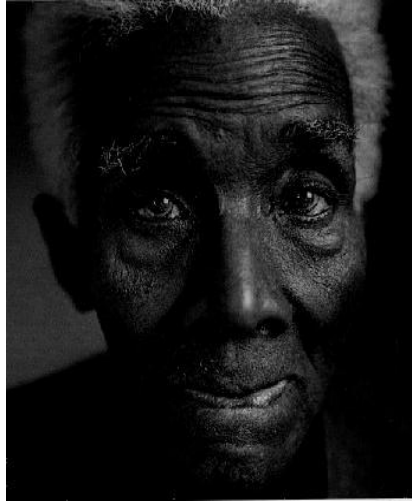
Over the course of the text, L'Ouverture comes to act almost as a tragic hero, and this is where the fine line between accurate

history and historical literature is blurred, because although *The Black Jacobins* is probably the best account of the revolution that exists, it can seem idealistic at times. This idealism might be one reason it has become such an influential book. It has become a touch stone for thinking about the decolonization struggle.

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## Dialogues

### Class and Economic Distinctions vs. Racial Distinctions



Undeniably, yet not blindly Marxist, James follows an interesting path through the book. James shows in detail how colonialism creates many separate and distinct social classes in San Domingo. These social classes then become the basis for personal alliance to one group or another throughout the revolution. His examination of this social structure espouses a similar theory to that of W.E.B. DuBois in his essay, "The Evolution of the Race

Problem." DuBois argues that "the problem of the past, so far as the black American was concerned, began with caste;" "men came to the idea of exclusive black slavery by gradually enslaving workers, as was the world's long custom, and then gradually conceiving certain sorts of work and certain colors of men as necessarily connected."<sup>1</sup> If racism's roots are in societal structures, then James does a particularly good job of documenting the evolution of a race problem in San Domingo. Obviously, blacks were brought to San Domingo as slaves, but James explores the complex class divisions on San Domingo. The classes were divided up into "big whites," "small whites," "mulattoes," "free blacks," and "slaves."<sup>2</sup> These sundry classes create the often-shifting social structure of San Domingo, which structures itself, in James' view, according to economic needs of different classes, rather than racial divisions. One example of this is the leaning of the mulattos towards whoever presently holds the power. The mulattos were typically free and land owners, and, therefore, they wanted to maintain their social standing and, thus, their power. They would support the French if it looked like they were going to succeed in putting down the revolts because they already had a favorable standing amongst the white ruling class. If the slaves started doing well though, they would shift their support to them so that they would be able to

benefit in the reorganized social structure.

The alignment with power was important throughout the revolution. In April 1792, "the white Patriots in Port-au-Prince were being besieged by a composite army of royalist commandants, white planters, brown-skinned Mulattoes, and black slaves, none of them constrained but all for the time being free and equal partners."<sup>3</sup> He recognizes too that the rich were probably just waiting for the restoration of order to put the slaves back in their places. In May 1792, "the white were all tumbling over each other to give rights to the Mulattoes" for assistance against the uprising slaves, but it was too late to quell the slave revolution.<sup>4</sup>

As this implies, James believed economic forces to be more influential than racial boundaries. This does not dismiss the presence of racism though--it simply shows that greed for economic and class status are often more important than race distinctions, and can also influence the implementation of race prejudice. By the end of the revolution, racism is prevalent, and it basically results in the devastation of all whites and many mulattos on the island. This happens because of an elite that continually tries to re-implement the old order and establish their elite class again. As James says, "Those in power never give way, and admit defeat only to plot and scheme to regain their lost power and privilege."<sup>5</sup>

### **Benefiting from Status**

Toussaint L'Ouverture does not just happen to become the main leader of the San Domingo Revolution. He is the perfect man for the job, because he has benefited from his position in slave society more than most slaves. James refers to a book that L'Ouverture was reading prior to becoming a revolutionary leader; he kept going over a passage that read, "A courageous chief only is wanted. Where is he?"<sup>6</sup> This, initially, reminds us that L'Ouverture can read--which is something most slaves cannot do. Because he can read, this means he lives a privileged life--as far as life in slavery can be privileged.

James examines the small privileged class of slaves. He distinguishes the house-servants who "gave themselves airs and despised the slaves in the fields" as the "upper servants." True, these upper servants were "trained like monkeys?but a few of these used their position to cultivate themselves, to gain a little education, to learn all they could."<sup>7</sup> They could see the unfairness and brutality of the social system on certain classes of their people, but they also benefited from

the unevenness of the system. Thus, having been brought up with all the advantages of the society, they can later lend their services to serve cause of oppressed people.

According to James, "the leaders of a revolution are usually those who have been able to profit by the cultural advantages of the system they are attacking, and the San Domingo revolution was no exception to this rule."<sup>8</sup> L'Ouverture learned military tactics, "sophisticated" speaking and writing techniques, and leadership dynamics throughout his servitude that later were crucial to his successes in leading the slaves to independence. This is similar to the role Clare Savage plays in [No Telephone to Heaven](#). She benefits from a good Jamaican education, her and her father's light-skinned benefits in the U.S., and then from a college education in England. There is a difference too. Clare does not become a leader of the Jamaican troop she joins; she actually seems to have difficulty becoming a part of it because of her educational history.

### **Assimilation**

How much a postcolonial subject assimilates to the colonial culture is always a confusing subject. It is impossible for a colonized person to preserve only his culture. It is also impossible for him to completely assimilate into the colonizer's society. How much Toussaint L'Ouverture became French is an interesting question to try to answer.

L'Ouverture had the privilege to be raised as a house servant whose workload was much less than, and whose "benefits" were much more than, those of the field servants. He was allowed a fairly well rounded European education. As discussed above, he was able to learn military tactics, leadership qualities, and how to act "civilized," or "sophisticated." All these traits surface when he takes control of the guerrilla freedom fighters. He did not lead the slave armies so much as guerrilla bands, as he led them as European armies. James even claims that "Toussaint made himself into a whole cabinet like a fascist dictator, except that he actually did the work."<sup>9</sup> The fact that he acted as a fascist dictator is a prime example of his partial assimilation, and the fact that he actually did the work is a prime example of how he continued to differ from European customs.

Indeed, "Toussaint always addressed the blacks as French citizens," and would ask his people, "what would France think if she learns that your conduct was not worthy of true republicans?"<sup>10</sup> L'Ouverture strove until the end to maintain the connection with France. In drawing up a new constitution,

he intended to authorize the slave trade, "because the island needed people to cultivate it." The difference being that when they landed, they were to be free men. He also longed to sail to Africa "with arms, ammunition, and a thousand of his best soldiers" to put an end to the slave trade, and "make millions of blacks 'free and French.'" [11](#) This is reminiscent of [Olaudah Equiano](#) and his effort to "civilize" Sierre Leone after he assimilates into British culture ([note2](#)). So, L'Ouverture attempts to stay true to France through the end, and is eventually tricked, imprisoned in Europe, and killed, leaving the revolution to be finished by other leaders, such as Moise and Dessalines.

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti: A Historical Timeline  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 9:11 AM

Thanks for that chronology of Haitian history, Sekhmet. Again I recommend reading C. L.R. James' *Black Jacobins*.

It should also be added as a footnote that Papa Doc Duvalier's "election" in 1937 was orchestrated by the US.

Peter

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This should probably go under the thread of "Why is Haiti so poor?" since folks are apparently "stuck" blaming Dubya, Daddy Dubya, the CIA or the French for the last couple of decades of poverty. I personally, don't know the particulars. ...and there are many...but once Haiti gained their indepenence, it appears that some of their "homegrown whackjobs" liked the usual way of governance of a country, meaning only a handful were "elite" while the vast majority were

dining on "mud cakes"...literally. (*Oooops; I guess I shouldn't have let anyone know that I routinely check up on predominantly black nations from time to time to see if black leaders have become "Westernized" in their treatment of their fellow citizens. Ah well, too late now.*)

Anyhoo, I can't change anything but sometimes I like to make suggestions on how to improve the lives of the lower class citizens, but....I'm just a giiirrrllll. ..LOL!! -Sekhmet

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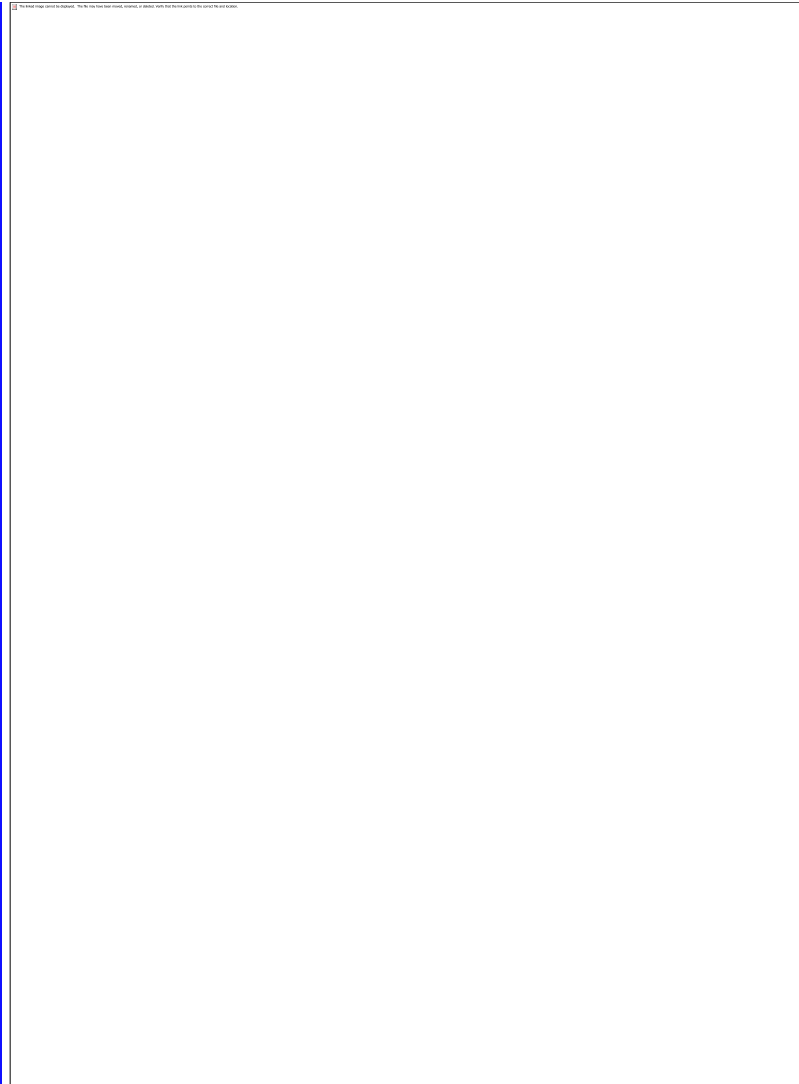
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A timeline of important dates in Haiti's history.

## **Haiti - A Historical Timeline**

### **Important dates in Haiti's history**

- By: Joel Dreyfuss | Posted: January 16, 2010 at 3:29 PM



### Important Dates in Haitian History

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A timeline of important dates in Haiti's history.

1492 - Dec. 5, Columbus lands on a large island he names Isla Espa a (Spanish Island), later changed to Hispaniola. It is inhabited by Taino and Arawak Indians.

1503 - First Africans brought to Hispaniola for labor after pleas from a Spanish priest who wants to save the Indians from extinction.

1592 - Spanish governor executes Queen Anacaona, the last Taino chief.

1659 - First official settlement on Tortuga (off the coast of Haiti) by French buccaneers who hunt wild cattle and by pirates who attack ships sailing from South America to Europe.

1664 - French West India Company takes control of Western third of the island and names it Saint-Domingue.

1670 - First French settlement on the main island, named Cap Francois, later Cap-Fran ois and now Cap-Haitien, the second largest city in Haiti. Settlers grow cacao, coffee, tobacco and indigo and begin importing slaves as labor.

1685 - Louis XIV enacts the Code Noir, which regulates the treatment of slaves



and sets obligations for owners. Corporal punishment is allowed, sanctioning brutal treatment.

1697 - Spain formally cedes the Western third of the island to France via the Treaty of Ryswick.

1749 - Port-au-Prince is founded.

1758 - Rebel leader Mackandal, born in Guinea, is captured and burned alive in Cap-Francois after seven years of leading an insurrection.

1777 - French officers lead a regiment of 750 free blacks from Saint-Domingue to help the fledgling U.S. fight British troops at Savannah, Georgia. The unit includes several future leaders of Haiti.

1780 - Saint-Domingue is France's richest colony, producing 40 percent of all sugar and 60 percent of all coffee consumed in Europe.

1789 - When the French Revolution starts, the colony has 500,000 slaves, 32,000 whites and 25,000 people of color (mixed-race) , many of whom have inherited wealth and slaves from their white fathers.

1791 - August 22 - Slave revolt begins. Tradition says it starts with a voodoo ceremony led by Dutty Boukman. He is captured and executed but revolt spreads and plantations are torched.

1794 - February 4 - French Assembly abolishes slavery in all its colonies, ratifying what is already reality in Saint-Domingue.

1801 - Toussaint L'Ouverture defeats British and Spanish troops that invaded Santo Domingo and controls the entire island.

1802 - Napoleon sends 40,000 troops under his brother-in-law, Gen. Charles Leclerc, to re-establish slavery in the colonies. Leclerc deceives and captures Toussaint and ships him to France, where he dies in prison.

1804 - Jan. 1 - After defeating the French forces, Jean-Jacques Dessalines declares Haiti an independent nation, taking an Arawak name meaning country of mountains.

1806 - Dessalines is assassinated and Haiti splits into two states, a northern state led by an emperor, Henri Christophe, and a southern republic led by president Alexandre Pétion.

1820 - After the deaths of Pétion and Christophe, Jean-Pierre Boyer unifies Haiti into one nation and takes control of Santo Domingo as well.

1825 - France's King Charles X recognizes Haiti's independence but demands 150 million francs in indemnity, backing his conditions with a fleet of warships.

1844 - Dominican Republic declares its independence from Haiti.

1863 - U.S. President Abraham Lincoln recognizes Haiti and allows trade for the first time.

1904 - Haiti celebrates 100 years of independence.

1915 - U.S. forces occupy Haiti; they will stay until 1934.

1930 - First full democratic elections in Haiti; Stenio Vincent elected.

1937 - Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo orders the expulsion of Haitians working in his country. Between 17,000 and 35,000 are killed.

1957 - Francois Duvalier, a doctor, is elected president. "Papa Doc" establishes one of the most brutal dictatorships in Haitian history. His rule is enforced by a militia commonly-known as Tonton Macoutes.

1971- Duvalier dies; his son takes power and is proclaimed President-for- Life, like is father.  
1974 - The Haitian national soccer team participates in the World Cup.  
1986 - Unrest leads the military to oust "Baby Doc" and his kleptocratic clan.  
1990 - Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a former Catholic priest is elected with 67% of the vote.  
1991 - Aristide is ousted in a coup that many Haitians believe was financed by the business elite.  
1994 - Backed by a UN resolution, the Clinton Administration restores Aristide to power.  
1996 - René Préval elected President; he is seen as a stand-in for Aristide.  
2000- Aristide elected President again after much-disputed parliamentary elections.  
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American Dream Has Become a Nightmare

## **Stern, Burger Say Business and Politicians Have Failed American Workers, Call for Bold New Solutions to Fix Economy and Create a 21st Century American Dream**

WASHINGTON - January 26 - On the eve of President Obama's State of the Union address, leaders of the nation's largest union of low-wage workers spoke out on the State of the American Worker and the economic nightmare most working families now face. Service Employees International Union (SEIU) President Andy Stern and Secretary-Treasurer Anna Burger, arguing that both business and elected officials have

failed working families, called for a bold approach to helping Americans build a 21st Century American Dream that would create jobs, improve existing ones, and hold banks and financial institutions accountable.

At an event at the Center for American Progress to discuss the state of the American workforce, Stern and Burger argued that the typical markers of the American Dream- including home ownership, retirement security, and a job you can count on- are increasingly out of reach for most Americans.

"For workers everywhere, the American Dream has become a nightmare. We're working longer hours for less pay, losing our homes, our healthcare, and our retirement security. We don't know whether we'll be able to provide a better life for our kids. And the aughts - maybe we should call them the 'Naughts' -- were a lost decade for American workers. By every measure working families care about, they're worse off now than they were 10 years ago. Working families are angry, and they have everyone to blame: politicians and corporations completely failed them," said Stern.

Stern cited a series of statistics showing the dire situation for workers: Economic growth has slowed after decades of rapid increases. Worker productivity has increased, while compensation has remained flat. The numbers of currently unemployed and underemployed-27 million-are equal to the population of 18 states.

"We need a new 'Contract with America,'" said Burger. "Taxpayers need a contract from Big Banks, from politicians, and from businesses that allows workers to build a 21st Century American Dream."

Burger outlined a series of steps for needed reform, including SEIU's jobs plan, holding banks accountable, and systemic financial reform.

SEIU's jobs program will create millions of jobs in the short term and lay the groundwork for a sustainable economy that rebuilds the American dream. It focuses on extending unemployment benefits, including COBRA; expanding federal infrastructure and green jobs investments, dramatically increasing aid to states and localities, a public job program, a new commitment to workforce training and a tax credit to employers who reduce hours but do not lay off workers.

On financial reform, Burger called for a strong Consumer Financial Protection Agency and to end the practice of "Too Big To Fail." Burger argued that we could pay for the plan through several measures, including a tax on bank bonuses and by levying fees on banks who don't repay their TARP loans.

"Half measures won't do it. Bold change, big choices and broad vision are what I passionately believe is needed to put America back on track," continued Burger.

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With 2 million members in Canada, the United States and Puerto Rico, [SEIU](#) is the fastest-growing union in the Americas. Focused on uniting workers in healthcare, public services and property services, SEIU members are winning better wages, healthcare and more secure jobs for our communities, while uniting their strength with their counterparts around the world to help ensure that workers not just corporations and CEOs benefit from today's global economy.

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My 2 cent opinion only.

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### **Op-Ed Columnist: Some Frank Talk About Haiti**

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

On [my blog](#), a woman named Mona pointed to Haitian corruption and declared "I won't send money because I know what will happen to it." Another reader attributed Haiti's poverty to "the low I.Q. of the 9 million people there," and added: "It is all very sad and cannot be fixed."

"Giving money to Haiti and other third-world countries is like throwing money in the toilet," another commenter said. A fourth asserted: "Haiti is a money pit. Dumping billions of dollars into it has proven futile. ... America is deeply in debt, and we can't afford it."

Not everyone is so frank, but the subtext of much of the discussion of Haiti is despair about both Haiti and foreign aid. Pat Robertson, the religious broadcaster, went furthest by suggesting that Haiti's earthquake flowed from a pact with the devil more than two centuries ago. While it's not for a journalist to nitpick a minister's theological credentials, that implication of belated seismic revenge on Haitian children seems defamatory of God.

Americans have also responded with a huge outpouring of assistance, including more than \$22 million raised by the Red Cross from text messages alone. For those with doubts, let's have a frank discussion of Haiti's problems:

Why is Haiti so poor? Is it because Haitians are dimwitted or incapable of getting their act together?

Haiti isn't impoverished because the devil got his due; it's impoverished partly because of debts due. France imposed a huge debt that strangled Haiti. And when foreigners weren't looting Haiti, its own rulers were.

The greatest predation was the deforestation of Haiti, so that only 2 percent of the country is forested today. Some trees have been and continue to be [cut by local peasants](#), but many were destroyed either by foreigners or to pay off bribes to foreigners. Last year, I drove across the island of Hispaniola, and it was surreal: You traverse what in places is a Haitian moonscape until you reach

[border](#) with the Dominican Republic and jungle.

Without trees, Haiti lost its topsoil through erosion, crippling agriculture.

To visit Haiti is to know that its problem isn't its people. They are its treasure smart, industrious and hospitable and Haitians tend to be successful in the United States (and everywhere but in Haiti).

Can our billions in aid to Haitians accomplish anything? After all, a Wall Street Journal column argues, "To help Haiti, end foreign aid."

First, don't exaggerate [how much we give or they get](#).

Haiti ranks 42nd among poor countries in worldwide aid received per person (\$103 in 2008, more than one-quarter of which comes from the United States).

David Roodman of the Center for Global Development calculates that in 2008, official American aid to Haiti amounted to 92 cents per American.

The United States gives more to Haiti than any other country. But it ranks 11th in per capita giving. Canadians give five times as much per person as we do.

As for whether aid promotes economic growth, that's a bitter and unresolved argument. But even the leading critics of aid William Easterly, a New York University economist, and Dambisa Moyo, a banker turned author believe in assisting Haiti after the earthquake.

"I think we have a moral imperative," Ms. Moyo told me. "I do believe the international community should act."

Likewise, Professor Easterly said: "Of course, I am in favor of aid to Haiti earthquake victims!"

So, is Haiti hopeless? Is Bill O'Reilly right? He said: "Once again, we will do more than anyone else on the planet, and one year from today Haiti will be just as bad as it is right now."

No, he's not right. And this is the most pernicious myth of all. In fact, Haiti in recent years has been much better managed under President René Préval and has shown signs of being on the mend.

Far more than most other impoverished countries particularly those in Africa Haiti could plausibly turn itself around. It has an excellent geographic location, there are no regional wars, and it could boom if it could just export to the American market.

A [report for the United Nations](#) by a prominent British economist, Paul Collier, outlined the best strategy for Haiti: building garment factories. That idea (sweatshops!) may sound horrific to Americans. But it's a strategy that has worked for other countries, such as Bangladesh, and Haitians in the slums would tell you that their most fervent wish is for jobs. A few dozen major shirt factories could be transformational for Haiti.

So in the coming months as we help Haitians rebuild, let's dispatch not only aid workers, but also business investors. Haiti desperately needs new schools and hospitals, but also new factories.

And let's challenge the myth that because Haiti has been poor, it always will be. That kind of self-fulfilling fatalism may be the biggest threat of all to Haiti, the real pact with the devil.

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By [LiveScience Staff](#)

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The ancient South American Nasca civilization may have caused its own demise by clear-cutting huge swaths of forest, a new study has found.

The civilization disappeared mysteriously around 1,500 years ago, after apparently prospering during the first half of the first millennium A.D. in the valleys of south



coastal Peru. Scientists have previously suggested a massive [El Nio vent](#) disrupted the climate and caused the Nasca's demise, but new research suggests that [deforestation](#) may have also played an important role.

The Nasca are best known for leaving behind large geoglyphs called Nazca lines carved into the surface of the vast, empty desert plain that lies between the [Peruvian towns](#) of Nazca and Palpa. Though the lines have spawned many interpretations, including the suggestion that they were created by aliens, most scholars now think they were sacred pathways that Nasca people followed during their ancient rituals.

The enigmatic society that once flourished apparently collapsed around 500 A.D. after a bloody resource war. To investigate this event a team of archaeologists led by David Beresford-Jones from the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research at the U.K.'s Cambridge University gathered plant remains in the lower Ica Valley. Based on this evidence and pollen samples collected by co-researcher Alex Chepstow-Lusty of the French Institute of Andean Studies in Lima, the scientists found that the Nasca cleared huge areas of forest to make way for agriculture. The native huarango tree, which once covered what is now a desert area, was gradually replaced by crops such as cotton and maize.

This vital tree was a crucial part of the desert's fragile ecosystem, serving to enhance soil fertility and moisture and help hold the Nasca's narrow, vulnerable [irrigation channels](#) in place.

Eventually, the people cut down so many trees that they reached a tipping point at which the arid ecosystem was irreversibly damaged, the researchers found. At this point a major El Nio vent likely occurred, triggering floods [made much worse](#) by the lack of forests that used to protect the delicate desert ecology.

"These were very particular forests," Beresford-Jones said. "The huarango is a remarkable nitrogen-fixing tree and it was an important source of food, forage, timber and fuel for the local people. Furthermore, it is the ecological 'keystone' species in this desert zone, enhancing soil fertility and moisture, ameliorating desert extremes in the microclimate beneath its canopy and underpinning the floodplain with one of the deepest root systems of any tree known. In time, gradual woodland clearance crossed an ecological threshold sharply defined in such desert environments exposing the landscape to the region's extraordinary desert winds and the effects of El Nio floods."

Without the huarango cover, when El Nio id strike, the river down-cut into its floodplain, Nasca irrigation systems were damaged and the area became unworkable for agriculture. This finding fits with other evidence that shows that the generations that came afterwards did not fare as well as their predecessors: infant mortality rose, while average adult life expectancy fell. The crops cultivated by their ancestors disappeared in the lower Ica Valley and the area was probably afflicted by a severe drought.

The research also stresses the importance of huarango woodlands for sustaining



livelihoods and creating fertile areas in these environments. **There are now no undisturbed ecosystems in the region and what remains of the old-growth huarango forests is being destroyed in illegal charcoal-burning operations.**

"The mistakes of prehistory offer us important lessons for our management of fragile, arid areas in the present," said co-author Oliver Whaley of the Royal Botanic Gardens in Kew, England.

The new study is detailed in the journal Latin American Antiquity.

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Anyhoo, this article is about the talking heads in Haiti distorting facts about an already bad time. Yes, there is "looting" of fallen buildings, but they are only taking food and drinks IMO....remember, most of the people were already poor and didn't have valuables worth stealing usually. Most of the violence/fights seen on TV is about some individual not sharing with their neighbors and of course it is the usual young guys who were not into the old idea of "community" before the quake. (And please, nobody "slam" me about Haiti having "street thugs", unless they can show me a country that DOESN'T have one. To the best of my knowledge, every country has at least one area where a police "gang unit" has not been formed. - Sekhmet

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## Great television/bad journalism: Media failures in Haiti coverage



by Robert JensenPage 1 of 1 page(s)

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*For OpEdNews: Robert Jensen - Writer*

CNN's star anchor Anderson Cooper narrates a chaotic street scene in Port-au-Prince. A boy is struck in the head by a rock thrown by a looter from a roof. Cooper helps him to the side of the road, and then realizes the boy is disoriented and unable to get away. Laying down his digital camera (but still being filmed by another CNN camera), Cooper picks up the boy and lifts him over a barricade to safety, we hope.

"We don't know what happened to that little boy," Cooper says in his report. "All we know now is, there's blood in the streets." (To view the CNN story, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Unh4v11FU0>.)

This is great television, but it's not great journalism. In fact, it's irresponsible journalism.

Cooper goes on to point out there is no widespread looting in the city and that the violence in the scene that viewers have just witnessed appears to be idiosyncratic. The obvious question: If it's not representative of what's happening, why did CNN put it on the air? Given that Haitians generally have been organizing themselves into neighborhood committees to take care of each other in the absence of a functioning central government, isn't that violent scene an isolated incident that distorts the larger reality?

Cooper tries to rescue the piece by pointing out that while such violence is not common, if it were to become common, well, that would be bad -- "it is a fear of what might come." But people are more likely to remember the dramatic images than his fumbling attempt to put the images in context.

Unfortunately, CNN and Cooper's combination of great TV and bad journalism are not idiosyncratic; television news routinely falls into the trap of emphasizing visually compelling and dramatic stories at the expense of important information that is crucial but more complex.

The absence of crucial historical and political context describes the print coverage as well; the facts, analysis, and opinion that U.S. citizens need to understand these events are rarely provided. For example, in the past week we've heard journalists repeat endlessly the observation that Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. Did it ever occur to editors to assign reporters to ask why?

The immediate suffering in Haiti is the result of a natural disaster, but that suffering is compounded by political disasters of the past two centuries, and considerable responsibility for those disasters lies not only

with Haitian elites but also with U.S. policymakers.

Journalists have noted that a slave revolt led to the founding of an independent Haiti in 1804 and have made passing reference to how France's subsequent demand for "reparations" (to compensate the French for their lost property, the slaves) crippled Haiti economically for more than a century. Some journalists have even pointed out that while it was a slave society, the United States backed France in that cruel policy and didn't recognize Haitian independence until the Civil War. Occasional references also have been made to the 1915 U.S. invasion under the "liberal" Woodrow Wilson and an occupation that lasted until 1934, and to the support the U.S. government gave to the two brutal Duvalier dictatorships (the infamous "Papa Doc" and "Baby Doc") that ravaged the country from 1957-86. But there's little discussion of how the problems of contemporary Haiti can be traced to those policies.

Even more glaring is the absence of discussion of more recent Haiti-U.S. relations, especially U.S. support for the two coups (1991 and 2004) against a democratically elected president. Jean-Bertrand Aristide won a stunning victory in 1990 by articulating the aspirations of Haiti's poorest citizens, and his populist economic program irritated both Haitian elites and U.S. policy-makers. The first Bush administration nominally condemned the 1991 military coup but gave tacit support to the generals. President Clinton eventually helped Aristide return to power Haiti in 1994, but not until the Haitian leader had been forced to capitulate to business-friendly economic policies demanded by the United States. When Aristide won another election in 2000 and continued to advocate for ordinary Haitians, the second Bush administration blocked crucial loans to his government and supported the violent reactionary forces attacking Aristide's party. The sad conclusion to that policy came in 2004, when the U.S. military effectively kidnapped Aristide and flew him out of the country. Aristide today lives in South Africa, blocked by the United States from returning to his country, where he still has many supporters and could help with relief efforts.

How many people watching Cooper's mass-mediated heroism on CNN know that U.S. policy makers have actively undermined Haitian democracy and opposed that country's most successful grassroots political movement? During the first days of coverage of the earthquake, it's understandable that news organizations focused on the immediate crisis. But more than a week later, what excuse do journalists have?

Shouldn't TV pundits demand that the United States accept responsibility for our contribution to this state of affairs? As politicians express concern about Haitian poverty and bemoan the lack of a competent Haitian government to mobilize during the disaster, shouldn't

journalists ask why they have not supported the Haitian people in the past? When Bill Clinton and George W. Bush are appointed to head up the humanitarian effort, should not journalists ask the obvious, if impolite, questions about those former presidents' contributions to Haitian suffering?

When mainstream journalists dare to mention this political history, they tend to scrub clean the uglier aspects of U.S. policy, absolving U.S. policymakers of responsibility in "the star-crossed relationship" between the two nations, as a Washington Post reporter put it. When news reporters explain away Haiti's problems as a result of some kind of intrinsic "political dysfunction," as the Post reporter termed it, then readers are more likely to accept the overtly reactionary arguments of op/ed writers who blame Haiti's problems of its "poverty culture" (Jonah Goldberg, Los Angeles Times) or "progress-resistant cultural influences" rooted in voodoo (David Brooks, New York Times).

One can learn more by monitoring the independent media in the United States ("Democracy Now," for example, has done extensive reporting, <http://www.democracynow.org/>) or reading the foreign press (such as this political analysis by Peter Hallward in the British daily "The Guardian," <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/jan/13/our-role-in-haitis-plight>). When will journalists in the U.S. corporate commercial media provide the same kind of honest accounting?

The news media, of course, have a right to make their own choices about what to cover. But we citizens have a right to expect more.

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You don't always need to use words to get your point across you could just growl or yelp.

No matter what your cultural background, if you sob, scream or growl, others are likely to know what you mean, according to a new study.

And the cries you may make when you're in danger or upset are more [universally understandable](#) than those you might let out if you're feeling good, such as a cheer or a sigh of relief, the researchers say.

While several studies have looked at whether different [facial expressions](#) are recognizable to people all over the globe, few have examined the universality of so-called "nonverbal vocalizations," or the cries, grunts and laughs we all use to convey emotion without speaking, said study researcher Disa Sauter of the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, in The Netherlands .

In fact, no previous studies have compared the nonverbal noises of westernized cultures with those of extremely isolated groups who have had zero exposure to the modern world, she said.

For this task, Sauter and her colleagues turned to the Himba people, a group of over 20,000 living in small communities across northern Namibia, in southern Africa. Some

of their settlements are extremely isolated, having no contact with people from other societies. Their culture has no writing system and no formal education.

The researchers wanted to see how well the Himba people understood European nonverbal vocalizations, and in turn, how well the Europeans deciphered the Himba nonverbal sounds.

Himba members were first read stories in their own language that were designed to elicit very specific emotions, such as one meant to elicit sadness about a man whose close relative had died. The story listeners were then asked, "How do you think this person is feeling?" and were played two sounds one of a person crying, the other a sound not related to sadness (a so-called distracter sound). If crying means the same thing to Himba people as it does to Europeans, they should pick the right noise every time, and if not, their selections should be random.

(This story strategy does not require the Himba people to read, and it avoids any potential problems that might arise from translating words between the cultures, Sauter said.)

They found that the Himba people were more easily able to recognize sounds conveying negative emotions than positive ones. They correctly paired sounds for anger (growls), sadness, disgust (retches) and fear (screams) with their appropriate stories, and did so at a level that was higher than what you would expect by chance. They also accurately identified the sounds for surprise considered a neutral emotion, because it is expressed in situations that are unexpected, but not necessarily good or bad.

They didn't do as well for positive emotions. The sound for amusement ([laughter](#)) was the only positive vocalization that the Himba people were able to recognize at a level that did not appear random.

Those in the European group were able to correctly identify all of the Himba nonverbal vocalizations, for both negative and positive emotions.

The mismatch in results between cultures "seems to suggest that maybe positive signals are something that we learn from those around us as we grow up, whereas the negative emotions seem to be something that's possibly more biologically determined," Sauter told LiveScience.

Specifically positive emotions "are thought to strengthen social bonds, and that might be something that you want to primarily do with the people of your own group," she said.

The results were published in the Jan. 25 issue of the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Sauter conducted the research as part of a Ph.D. thesis while at the University College London, in England. The work was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, the University College London Central Research Fund, among others.

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Thanks, Sekhmet.

Actually, though, we want to avoid hurricanes -- their wind speeds are too fierce to be harnessed by wind turbines with today's technology (which operates in the range below about 50 mph).

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BTW,...Tafari, I got the recent list on who are reputable groups to send money to, I just haven't replied to it yet...thanks.

Anyhow, what the Haitians desperately need after medical workers and supplies, are qualified structural engineers to build homes, schools and buildings. Teachers and agronomists or horticultural experts to replace the foliage destroyed to burn for fuel or to build "lean to" huts like in the past. And some genuine political leaders not more interested in lining their own pockets, rather than helping Haitians to re-build their own country to a self-sustaining state. The average citizen poverty level is not "new" and can't be solely the responsibility of another country regardless of what the current talking heads and anti-American rumor mongers are saying...inside and outside Haiti.

My 2 cent opinion only.

Sekhmet

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**Op-Ed Columnist: Some Frank Talk About Haiti**

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

On [my blog](#), a woman named Mona pointed to Haitian corruption and declared: "I won't send money because I know what will happen to it." Another reader attributed Haiti's poverty to "the low I.Q. of the 9 million people there," and added: "It is all very sad and cannot be fixed."

"Giving money to Haiti and other third-world countries is like throwing money in the toilet," another commenter said. A fourth asserted: "Haiti is a money pit. Dumping billions of dollars into it has proven futile. ... America is deeply in debt, and we can't afford it."

Not everyone is so frank, but the subtext of much of the discussion of Haiti is



despair about both Haiti and foreign aid. Pat Robertson, the religious broadcaster, went furthest by suggesting that Haiti's earthquake flowed from a pact with the devil more than two centuries ago. While it's not for a journalist to nitpick a minister's theological credentials, that implication of belated seismic revenge on Haitian children seems defamatory of God.

Americans have also responded with a huge outpouring of assistance, including more than \$22 million raised by the Red Cross from text messages alone. But for those with doubts, let's have a frank discussion of Haiti's problems:

Why is Haiti so poor? Is it because Haitians are dimwitted or incapable of getting their act together?

Haiti isn't impoverished because the devil got his due; it's impoverished partly because of debts due. France imposed a huge debt that strangled Haiti. And when foreigners weren't looting Haiti, its own rulers were.

The greatest predation was the deforestation of Haiti, so that only 2 percent of the country is forested today. Some trees have been and continue to be [cut by local peasants](#), but many were destroyed either by foreigners or to pay off debts to foreigners. Last year, I drove across the island of Hispaniola, and it was surreal: You traverse what in places is a Haitian moonscape until you reach [the border](#) with the Dominican Republic and jungle.

Without trees, Haiti lost its topsoil through erosion, crippling agriculture.

To visit Haiti is to know that its problem isn't its people. They are its treasure smart, industrious and hospitable and Haitians tend to be successful in the United States (and everywhere but in Haiti).

Can our billions in aid to Haitians accomplish anything? After all, a Wall Street Journal column argues, "To help Haiti, end foreign aid."

First, don't exaggerate [how much we give or they get](#).

Haiti ranks 42nd among poor countries in worldwide aid received per person (\$103 in 2008, more than one-quarter of which comes from the United States).

David Roodman of the Center for Global Development calculates that in 2008, official American aid to Haiti amounted to 92 cents per American.

The United States gives more to Haiti than any other country. But it ranks 11th in per capita giving. Canadians give five times as much per person as we do.

As for whether aid promotes economic growth, that's a bitter and unresolved argument. But even the leading critics of aid William Easterly, a New York University economist, and Dambisa Moyo, a banker turned author believe in assisting Haiti after the earthquake.

"I think we have a moral imperative," Ms. Moyo told me. "I do believe the international community should act."

Likewise, Professor Easterly said: "Of course, I am in favor of aid to Haiti earthquake victims!"

So, is Haiti hopeless? Is Bill O'Reilly right? He said: "Once again, we will do more than anyone else on the planet, and one year from today Haiti will be just as bad as it is right now."

No, he's not right. And this is the most pernicious myth of all. In fact, Haiti in recent years has been much better managed under President René Préval and has shown signs of being on the mend.

Far more than most other impoverished countries particularly those in Africa Haiti could plausibly turn itself around. It has an excellent geographic location, there are no regional wars, and it could boom if it could just export to the American market.

A [report for the United Nations](#) by a prominent British economist, Paul Collier, outlined the best strategy for Haiti: building garment factories. That idea (sweatshops! ) may sound horrific to Americans. But it's a strategy that has worked for other countries, such as Bangladesh, and Haitians in the slums would tell you that their most fervent wish is for jobs. A few dozen major shirt factories could be transformational for Haiti.

So in the coming months as we help Haitians rebuild, let's dispatch not only aid workers, but also business investors. Haiti desperately needs new schools and hospitals, but also new factories.

And let's challenge the myth that because Haiti has been poor, it always will be. That kind of self-fulfilling fatalism may be the biggest threat of all to Haiti, the real pact with the devil.

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| 31643|2010-01-27 10:26:33|Peter Gray|Re: Haiti: Black Jacobins|

Yes, that's the book -- it's a good summary IMO. YOu must try to gethold of itsometime.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail.com; wiseladyowl@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 14:29:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti: Black Jacobins

Hello Peter,

I copied the *Summary of the Black Jacobins* below (had not heard of it before, so thanks), and "no" I don't know who wrote the summary, but L'Ouverture gottreated really severely for helping to create Haiti. (It must be that "black thing").... -Sekhmet

***The Black Jacobins***

An interesting historical account, *The Black Jacobins*, by C.L.R. James, examines the Haitian (San Domingo) Revolution of 1791-1803. Throughout the book, James takes an original look at revolution by analyzing revolutionary potential and progress according to economic and class distinctions, rather than racial distinctions ([note1](#)).



James intriguingly interweaves the goings on of the French Revolution with the Haitian Revolution, and relates the events and influences of each to one another. San Domingo is the ultimate French colony, and also the focal point of the African slave trade for the French empire. Because of this, France's struggles with the United States, Britain, and within its own varying social classes, invariably affect the progress of the revolution in San Domingo. Because, for James, class distinctions are stressed over those of race, he sees the French Revolution as not only a background, but a heavy influence on the Haitian Revolution as well. Events such as the proletariat uprisings and the taking of the Bastille have heavy impacts on the Slaves of San Domingo.

*The Black Jacobins* also focuses on Toussaint L'Ouverture as the revolutionary spearhead and organizational leader. L'Ouverture's life and his leadership of the revolution are examined as well as the revolution itself. He is credited with uniting the revolutionary forces, as well as leading many of the most important battles. His influence, as well as that of the French Revolution, is a main propellant of the book. He spearheads the revolution nearly to the end when he is captured, and then some of his most powerful generals, Moise and Dessalines, complete the revolution.

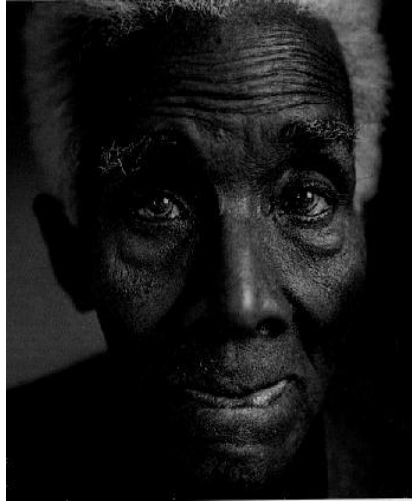
Over the course of the text, L'Ouverture comes to act almost as a tragic hero, and this is where the fine line between accurate

history and historical literature is blurred, because although *The Black Jacobins* is probably the best account of the revolution that exists, it can seem idealistic at times. This idealism might be one reason it has become such an influential book. It has become a touch stone for thinking about the decolonization struggle.

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## Dialogues

### Class and Economic Distinctions vs. Racial Distinctions



Undeniably, yet not blindly Marxist, James follows an interesting path through the book. James shows in detail how colonialism creates many separate and distinct social classes in San Domingo. These social classes then become the basis for personal alliance to one group or another throughout the revolution. His examination of this social structure espouses a similar theory to that of W.E.B. DuBois in his essay, "The Evolution of the Race Problem." DuBois argues that "the problem of the past, so far as the black American was concerned, began with caste;" "men came to the idea of exclusive black slavery by gradually enslaving workers, as was the world's long custom, and then gradually conceiving certain sorts of work and certain colors of men as necessarily connected."<sup>1</sup> If racism's roots are in societal structures, then James does a particularly good job of documenting the evolution of a race problem in San Domingo. Obviously, blacks were brought to San Domingo as slaves, but James explores the complex class divisions on San Domingo. The classes were divided up into "big whites," "small whites," "mulattoes," "free blacks," and "slaves."<sup>2</sup> These sundry classes create the often-shifting social structure of San Domingo, which structures itself, in James' view, according to economic needs of different classes, rather than racial divisions. One example of this is the leaning of the mulattos towards whoever presently holds the power. The mulattos were typically free and land owners, and, therefore, they wanted to maintain their social standing and, thus, their power. They would support the French if it looked like they were going to succeed in putting down the revolts because they already had a favorable standing amongst the white ruling class. If the slaves started doing well though, they would shift their support to them so that they would be able to

benefit in the reorganized social structure.

The alignment with power was important throughout the revolution. In April 1792, "the white Patriots in Port-au-Prince were being besieged by a composite army of royalist commandants, white planters, brown-skinned Mulattoes, and black slaves, none of them constrained but all for the time being free and equal partners."<sup>3</sup> He recognizes too that the rich were probably just waiting for the restoration of order to put the slaves back in their places. In May 1792, "the white were all tumbling over each other to give rights to the Mulattoes" for assistance against the uprising slaves, but it was too late to quell the slave revolution.<sup>4</sup>

As this implies, James believed economic forces to be more influential than racial boundaries. This does not dismiss the presence of racism though--it simply shows that greed for economic and class status are often more important than race distinctions, and can also influence the implementation of race prejudice. By the end of the revolution, racism is prevalent, and it basically results in the devastation of all whites and many mulattos on the island. This happens because of an elite that continually tries to re-implement the old order and establish their elite class again. As James says, "Those in power never give way, and admit defeat only to plot and scheme to regain their lost power and privilege."<sup>5</sup>

### **Benefiting from Status**

Toussaint L'Ouverture does not just happen to become the main leader of the San Domingo Revolution. He is the perfect man for the job, because he has benefited from his position in slave society more than most slaves. James refers to a book that L'Ouverture was reading prior to becoming a revolutionary leader; he kept going over a passage that read, "A courageous chief only is wanted. Where is he?"<sup>6</sup> This, initially, reminds us that L'Ouverture can read--which is something most slaves cannot do. Because he can read, this means he lives a privileged life--as far as life in slavery can be privileged.

James examines the small privileged class of slaves. He distinguishes the house-servants who "gave themselves airs and despised the slaves in the fields" as the "upper servants." True, these upper servants were "trained like monkeys?but a few of these used their position to cultivate themselves, to gain a little education, to learn all they could."<sup>7</sup> They could see the unfairness and brutality of the social system on certain classes of their people, but they also benefited from

the unevenness of the system. Thus, having been brought up with all the advantages of the society, they can later lend their services to serve cause of oppressed people.

According to James, "the leaders of a revolution are usually those who have been able to profit by the cultural advantages of the system they are attacking, and the San Domingo revolution was no exception to this rule."<sup>8</sup> L'Ouverture learned military tactics, "sophisticated" speaking and writing techniques, and leadership dynamics throughout his servitude that later were crucial to his successes in leading the slaves to independence. This is similar to the role Clare Savage plays in [\*No Telephone to Heaven\*](#). She benefits from a good Jamaican education, her and her father's light-skinned benefits in the U.S., and then from a college education in England. There is a difference too. Clare does not become a leader of the Jamaican troop she joins; she actually seems to have difficulty becoming a part of it because of her educational history.

### **Assimilation**

How much a postcolonial subject assimilates to the colonial culture is always a confusing subject. It is impossible for a colonized person to preserve only his culture. It is also impossible for him to completely assimilate into the colonizer's society. How much Toussaint L'Ouverture became French is an interesting question to try to answer.

L'Ouverture had the privilege to be raised as a house servant whose workload was much less than, and whose "benefits" were much more than, those of the field servants. He was allowed a fairly well rounded European education. As discussed above, he was able to learn military tactics, leadership qualities, and how to act "civilized," or "sophisticated." All these traits surface when he takes control of the guerrilla freedom fighters. He did not lead the slave armies so much as guerrilla bands, as he led them as European armies. James even claims that "Toussaint made himself into a whole cabinet like a fascist dictator, except that he actually did the work."<sup>9</sup> The fact that he acted as a fascist dictator is a prime example of his partial assimilation, and the fact that he actually did the work is a prime example of how he continued to differ from European customs.

Indeed, "Toussaint always addressed the blacks as French citizens," and would ask his people, "what would France think if she learns that your conduct was not worthy of true republicans?"<sup>10</sup> L'Ouverture strove until the end to maintain the connection with France. In drawing up a new constitution,



he intended to authorize the slave trade, "because the island needed people to cultivate it." The difference being that when they landed, they were to be free men. He also longed to sail to Africa "with arms, ammunition, and a thousand of his best soldiers" to put an end to the slave trade, and "make millions of blacks 'free and French.'" [11](#) This is reminiscent of [Olaudah Equiano](#) and his effort to "civilize" Sierra Leone after he assimilates into British culture ([note2](#)). So, L'Ouverture attempts to stay true to France through the end, and is eventually tricked, imprisoned in Europe, and killed, leaving the revolution to be finished by other leaders, such as Moise and Dessalines.

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti: A Historical Timeline  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 9:11 AM

Thanks for that chronology of Haitian history, Sekhmet. Again I recommend reading C. L.R. James' *Black Jacobins*.

It should also be added as a footnote that Papa Doc Duvalier's "election" in 1937 was orchestrated by the US.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 12:29:50 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti: A Historical Timeline

This should probably go under the thread of "Why is Haiti so poor?" since folks are appar "stuck" blaming Dubya, Daddy Dubya, the CIA or the French for the last couple of decade poverty. I personally, don't know the particulars. ...and there are many...but once Haiti gain their indepenence, it appears that some of their "homegrown whackjobs" liked the usual way

governance of a country, meaning only a handful were "elite" while the vast majority were dining on "mud cakes"...literally. (*Oooops; I guess I shouldn't have let anyone know that I routinely check up on predominantly black nations from time to time to see if black leaders have become "Westernized" in their treatment of their fellow citizens. Ah well, too late now.*)

Anyhoo, I can't change anything but sometimes I like to make suggestions on how to improve the lives of the lower class citizens, but....I'm just a giiirrrlllll. ..LOL!! -Sekhmet

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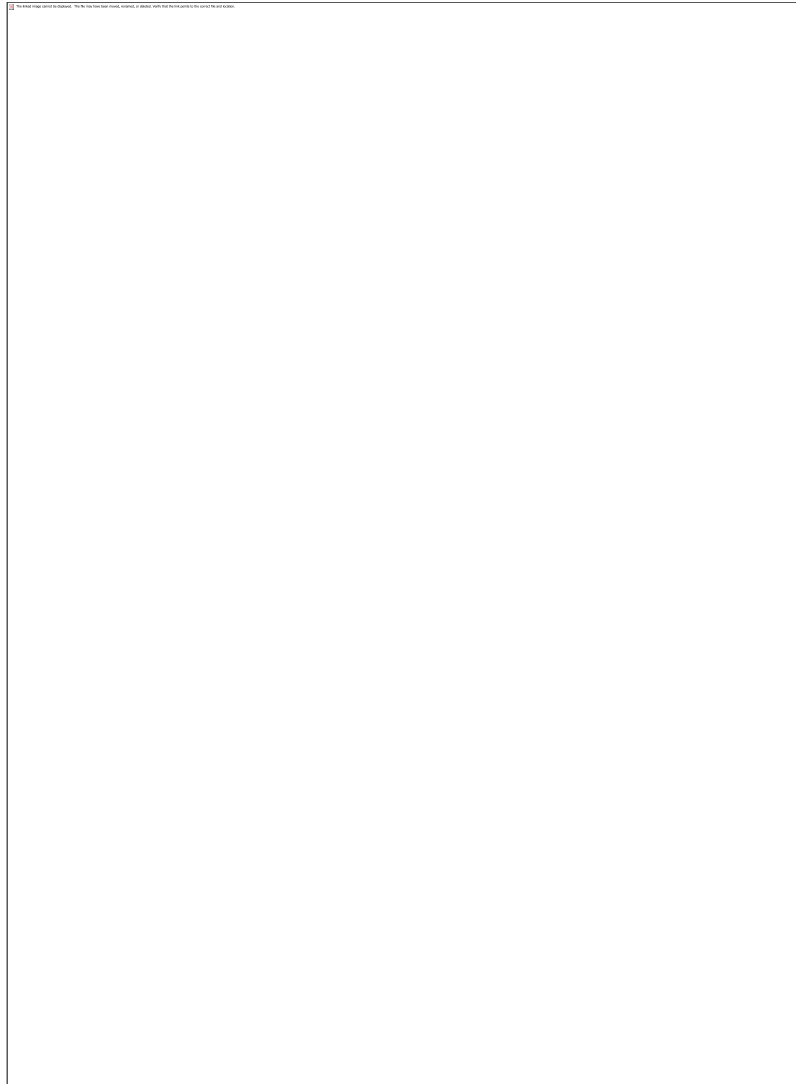
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A timeline of important dates in Haiti's history.

## Haiti - A Historical Timeline

### Important dates in Haiti's history

- By: Joel Dreyfuss | Posted: January 16, 2010 at 3:29 PM



### Important Dates in Haitian History

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A timeline of important dates in Haiti's history.

1492 - Dec. 5, Columbus lands on a large island he names Isla Espaa (Spanish Island), later changed to Hispaniola. It is inhabited by Taino and Arawak Indians.

1503 - First Africans brought to Hispaniola for labor after pleas from a Spanish priest who wants to save the Indians from extinction.

1592 - Spanish governor executes Queen Anacaona, the last Taino chief.

1659 - First official settlement on Tortuga (off the coast of Haiti) by French buccaneers who hunt wild cattle and by pirates who attack ships sailing from South America to Europe.

1664 - French West India Company takes control of Western third of the island and names it Saint-Domingue.

1670 - First French settlement on the main island, named Cap Francois, later Cap-Franois and now Cap-Haitien, the second largest city in Haiti. Settlers grow cacao, coffee, tobacco and indigo and begin importing slaves as labor.

1685 - Louis XIV enacts the Code Noir, which regulates the treatment of slaves

and sets obligations for owners. Corporal punishment is allowed, sanctioning brutal treatment.

1697 - Spain formally cedes the Western third of the island to France via the Treaty of Ryswick.

1749 - Port-au-Prince is founded.

1758 - Rebel leader Mackandal, born in Guinea, is captured and burned alive in Cap-Francois after seven years of leading an insurrection.

1777 - French officers lead a regiment of 750 free blacks from Saint-Domingue to help the fledgling U.S. fight British troops at Savannah, Georgia. The unit includes several future leaders of Haiti.

1780 - Saint-Domingue is France's richest colony, producing 40 percent of all sugar and 60 percent of all coffee consumed in Europe.

1789 - When the French Revolution starts, the colony has 500,000 slaves, 32,000 whites and 25,000 people of color (mixed-race) , many of whom have inherited wealth and slaves from their white fathers.

1791 - August 22 - Slave revolt begins. Tradition says it starts with a voodoo ceremony led by Dutty Boukman. He is captured and executed but revolt spreads and plantations are torched.

1794 - February 4 - French Assembly abolishes slavery in all its colonies, ratifying what is already reality in Saint-Domingue.

1801 - Toussaint L'Ouverture defeats British and Spanish troops that invaded Santo Domingo and controls the entire island.

1802 - Napoleon sends 40,000 troops under his brother-in-law, Gen. Charles Leclerc, to re-establish slavery in the colonies. Leclerc deceives and captures Toussaint and ships him to France, where he dies in prison.

1804 - Jan. 1 - After defeating the French forces, Jean-Jacques Dessalines declares Haiti an independent nation, taking an Arawak name meaning country of mountains.

1806 - Dessalines is assassinated and Haiti splits into two states, a northern state led by an emperor, Henri Christophe, and a southern republic led by president Alexandre Pétion.

1820 - After the deaths of Pétion and Christophe, Jean-Pierre Boyer unifies Haiti into one nation and takes control of Santo Domingo as well.

1825 - France's King Charles X recognizes Haiti's independence but demands 150 million francs in indemnity, backing his conditions with a fleet of warships.

1844 - Dominican Republic declares its independence from Haiti.

1863 - U.S. President Abraham Lincoln recognizes Haiti and allows trade for the first time.

1904 - Haiti celebrates 100 years of independence.

1915 - U.S. forces occupy Haiti; they will stay until 1934.

1930 - First full democratic elections in Haiti; Stenio Vincent elected.

1937 - Dominican dictator Rafael Trujillo orders the expulsion of Haitians working in his country. Between 17,000 and 35,000 are killed.

1957 - Francois Duvalier, a doctor, is elected president. "Papa Doc" establishes one of the most brutal dictatorships in Haitian history. His rule is enforced by a militia commonly-known as Tonton Macoutes.

1971 - Duvalier dies; his son takes power and is proclaimed President-for- Life, like is father.  
1974 - The Haitian national soccer team participates in the World Cup.  
1986 - Unrest leads the military to oust "Baby Doc" and his kleptocratic clan.  
1990 - Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a former Catholic priest is elected with 67% of the vote.  
1991 - Aristide is ousted in a coup that many Haitians believe was financed by the business elite.  
1994 - Backed by a UN resolution, the Clinton Administration restores Aristide to power.  
1996 - René Préval elected President; he is seen as a stand-in for Aristide.  
2000- Aristide elected President again after much-disputed parliamentary elections.  
2004 - Aristide leaves under pressure of an armed rebellion; he claims the U.S. kidnapped him and shipped him out.  
2006 - Préval elected again. A UN peacekeeping force in Haiti since 2003 grows to 9,000 troops.  
2008 - Unrest erupts as Haitians riot against high food prices.  
2010 - January 12 - An earthquake with a magnitude of 7.0 devastates Port-au-Prince and damages much of Haiti.

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| 31644|2010-01-27 11:47:51|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Shirley/Secrets of Man's Origin!!|

"...this would mean that the indians are not americas first people and amerigos vespuci is yet another lie right....."

Shirley .... WHOA.....that is a MIXTURE of what the "experts" are saying, not me. I am old, but not THAT old....ROTFL!

Seriously though....let me find the different articles to forward to the forum and let those with "better credentials in history" check the information....I am better at healthcare info fact and "myth".

Anyhoo, to the best of my knowledge...Amerigo Vespucci was a Moor/African descent and named the "Americas" after himself to the Spanish royalty of the time. He was a member of some fleet that traveled West along with or prior to Columbus...but please don't quote that as a "fact". The Spanish Conquest of different lands was a "political and financial" thing, it had nothing to do with indigenous rights IMO. Once the indigenous peoples are conquered, their old history is usually swept away and replaced with the conqueror's history. (One reason why I look at Hispanic/Latino in modern day and wonder how much of their history do they know. People today piss and moan about Christianity and Islam, but seriously.....historically speaking,....they

are BOTH NEW in the history of spirituality....NOT organized "religions" which is new in and of itself. All faiths were MATRIARCHAL in the times before the KNOWN ancients, and that includes Ancient Egypt...the oldest known (or discussed) organized religion on THIS planet.) As for "humans" on the planet....the development or evolution of "humans" took millions of years. Someone else sent a post about the "continents being a single land mass" at one time. I had nothing to add/argue about that fact because it was true or at least PLAUSIBLE, as far as I am concerned, although no one replied to the original post because it didn't "fit" into their religious ideology of the creation myth(s) currently circulating.

MEANING...American Indians were in the Americas already. They had adapted to the environment in ancient times and survived ecological upheavals like any other "race/nationality" as we recognize/call them today. What we now recognize as "coastal regions" in the North,....those folks moved in-land when the agriculture/seasons became hostile to survival, then went back North to their "home" when weather permitted to visit the "ancestors"...and other reasons I believe - and this includes Canada and Alaska when I say North. Native Americans were always "here"....just like Africans were always there. "White Africans" is a new ecological or political development.

The continents MOVED...meaning the ground, to form the separate CONTINENTS. The new "species" of life called "homo sapiens" were constantly moving due to geological changes of the earth. It took EONS for the continents to form which is why Asians, Latinos, and Indians have a similar "look" and on a cellular level, the same - kind of - DNA. And please remember, this was Looooonnnng before they developed tools and built "traveling machines"...boat, not a car, ROTFL!!!!

BLACK AFRICANS traveled to the "dry areas of the planet" LOOOOOOOOonnnng before Columbus and any other European travelers did. No one wants to admit it, because they would have to re-write their history books to include African discoveries and DISCOVERERS. It ain't gonna happen, but **I KNOW THE TRUTH and my SOUL is at peace with that knowledge.** Thanks to my dad/father and mother, Dr. Runoko, Van Sertima, Malcolm X, Farrakhan, my god-father Clarke and a lot of others that shared the "secret of the Origin of Man"....I don't even get upset anymore. Usually, .... I listen while "other's catch up" to the truth.

Please, ...email me personally and remind me what articles I was supposed to be sending....thanks. With so many of the Diaspora being effected and crying for help, I am easily distracted trying to respond to them all.

**(I send a personal email because of the delay in the forum posts, if it is problematic for you just say so....others have, and I do not take it personal and will not send further personal emails....no problem.)**

Sekhmet

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--- On Tue, 1/26/10, shirley parker wrote:

From: shirley parker  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Africans in Mexico @ the Museum!!  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 4:29 PM

Sekhmet, if it is true about the mummy and columbus, then this would mean that the indians are not americas' first people and amerigos vespusi is yetanother lie...right?

Please let me know when you find futher info on this, I would deeply appreciate it and thank you

Sekhmet for this information. .good job !  
~shirley~

**sin: "to miss the point of human existence"**

--- On **Mon, 1/25/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Africans in Mexico @ the Museum!!

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

Cc: "hebrew" , "peter" , "lady owl"

Date: Monday, January 25, 2010, 5:57 PM

"...Bullock is not...."

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!!

I wonder why her nationality/ ethnicity even came up; it is way too easy to check. Thanks for doing the research for us though, I guess she is getting ready to make another movie with a Hispanic/Latino theme or something and the producer(s) want to make an early excuse for not using a real Hispanic in the role. They did the same thing with cowboy movies and even the later mob/gangster....LOL!!! They had Hispanics playing Italian mobsters!!!

I found an old article about some Latin American country finding a "headless mummy" buried a couple of years ago; once again proving that Africans beat Columbus to the Americas. I'll see if I can still access the complete article before I say more about the find.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sun, 1/24/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Africans in Mexico @ the Museum!!

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Marc Washington"

Date: Sunday, January 24, 2010, 11:17 AM

Erratum: Sandi Bullock is not "hispanic"  
"latina" or even "spanish"

<http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0000113/bio>

**Date of Birth**

26 July 1964, Arlington, Virginia, USA

**Birth Name**

Sandra Annette Bullock

**Nickname**

Sandy

**Height**

5' 7" (1.71 m)

**Mini Biography**

Born in a Virginia suburb of Washington, DC, to a German opera singer and a voice teacher, Sandra Bullock grew up on the road with her parents and younger sister. She often performed in the children's chorus of whatever production her mother was in. That singing talent later came in handy for her role as an aspiring country singer in [The Thing Called Love](#) (1993). Her family moved back to the Washington area when she was a teenager. She later enrolled in E. Carolina University in North Carolina, where she studied acting. Shortly afterward she moved to New York to pursue a career on the stage. This led to acting in television programs and then feature films. She gave memorable performances in [Demolition Man](#) (1993) and [Wrestling Ernest Hemingway](#) (1993), but did not achieve the stardom that seemed inevitable for her until her work in the smash hit [Speed](#) (1994/I). She now ranks as one of the most popular actresses in Hollywood.

**IMDb Mini Biography By:** [David Montgomery](#)



#### Trivia

Her mother, opera singer [Helga Bullock](#), died in Arlington, VA. [April 4, 2000]  
On People (USA) magazine's '50 Most Beautiful' list. [1999]  
Ranked #58 in Empire (UK) magazine's "The Top 100 Movie Stars of All Time" list. [October 1997]  
Chosen by People (USA) magazine as one of the 50 most beautiful people in the world [1996]  
While working on [Two If by Sea](#) (1996), discovered she is allergic to horses.  
She replaced [Demi Moore](#) in [While You Were Sleeping](#) (1995)  
Wrote and performed her own song "Heaven Knocking On My Door" in [The Thing Called Love](#) (1993).  
Replaced [Lori Petty](#) in [Demolition Man](#) (1993).  
Daughter of a German opera singer and an American voice coach.  
Attended East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina.  
Graduated from Washington-Lee HS in Arlington, Virginia in 1982.

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#### **IN THE MOST GLORIOUS AND PERFECT NAME OF YAHWEH**

Greetings my dear Brothers & Sisters in TORAH!

[http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet\\_overpopulation/facts/spay\\_neuter\\_myths\\_facts.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet_overpopulation/facts/spay_neuter_myths_facts.html)

Today I would like to start a discussion around the

practice in animal husbandry known as "spaying or neutering" or commonly called "being fixed".

In our dear father Prophet Moses' writings as divinely inspired and revealed by Yah, we find the following in the 619 Commandments, although most folks only the 'basic' 10:

## A List of the 613 Mitzvot (Commandments)



- 143. Not to eat the flesh of a beast that died of itself (Deut. 14:21) (CCN86). See [Kosher slaughtering](#).
- 144. To slay cattle, deer and fowl according to the laws of shechitah if their flesh is to be eaten (Deut. 12:21) ("as I have commanded" in this verse refers to the technique) (CCA48). See [Kosher slaughtering](#).
- 145. Not to eat a limb removed from a living beast (Deut. 12:23) (CCN90). See [Kosher slaughtering](#).
- 146. Not to slaughter an animal and its young on the same day (Lev. 22:28) (CCN108).

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- 358. Not to cross-breed cattle of different species (Lev. 19:19) (according to the [Talmud](#), this also applies to birds) (CCN142).
- 359. Not to sow different kinds of seed together in one field (Lev. 19:19) (CCN107).
- 360. Not to eat the fruit of a tree for three years from the time it was planted (Lev. 19:23) (CCN105). See [Tu B'Shevat](#).
- 361. That the fruit of fruit-bearing trees in the fourth year of their planting shall be sacred like

the second tithe and eaten in Jerusalem (Lev. 19:24) (affirmative) (CCI16). See [Tu B'Shevat](#).  
362. Not to sow grain or herbs in a vineyard (Deut. 22:9) (negative).  
363. Not to eat the produce of diverse seeds sown in a vineyard (Deut. 22:9) (negative).  
364. Not to work with beasts of different species, yoked together (Deut. 22:10) (CCN18

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I am trying to find the exact verses dealing with "fixing" & the rationale for not doing so?

Also, are there any HBCU School of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, that could weigh in on the "Pros vs. Cons" re. this practice?

Thanks,

hebrew

| 31646|2010-01-27 11:49:10|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: Lunar Chart and Free Yoga and Qi Gong Workshop Weekend!!!|

--- On Tue, 1/26/10, Mind on the Matter [mail@mindonthematter.ning.com](mailto:mail@mindonthematter.ning.com) wrote:

From: Mind on the Matter

Subject: Lunar Chart and Free Yoga and Qi Gong Workshop Weekend!!!

Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2010,

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Blessup,

J. Menaq

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| 31647|2010-01-27 11:49:55|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fw: Tafari/"Bush Was Responsible for Destroying Haitian Democracy|

Hello Tafari,

I copied the first article link, but I couldn't even get to the .com address link you gave for Robinson. If you have a summary it would be fine, if not....I will google it, but I would like to know which article(s) you are aiming at. (I got this copy&paste thing down.....!!!! I hope it doesn't also send a pc virus.....that is NOT my intent.)

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Mon, 1/18/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: Check out "Bush Was Responsible for Destroying Haitian Democracy" - Randall R

To: [maatcollective@yahoogroups.com](mailto:maatcollective@yahoogroups.com)

Date: Monday, January 18, 2010, 11:00 PM

thanks for article ,i hope people read the whole article.

<http://.randallrobinson.com/>

also check this out, click above




Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On Mon, 1/18/10, ausar65@aol. .com [ausar65@aol. com](mailto:ausar65@aol.com) wrote:

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Bush Was Responsible for Destroying Haitian Democracy"Randall Robinson on

Obama Tapping Bush to Co-Chair US Relief Efforts 

We speak with TransAfrica founder Randall Robinson, author of *An Unbroken Agony: Haiti, from Revolution to the Kidnapping of a President*. On President Obama tapping former President Bill Clinton and former President George W Bush to co-chair US relief efforts in Haiti, Robinson says, "Bush was responsible for destroying Haitian democracyClinton has largely sponsored a program of economic development that supports the idea of sweatshops but that is not what we should focus on now. We should focus on saving lives." [includes rush transcript]

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Guest:

**Randall Robinson**, visiting law professor at Pennsylvania State University. His most recent book is *An Unbroken Agony: Haiti, from Revolution to the Kidnapping of a President*. He is the founder and past president of TransAfrica.

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**AMY GOODMAN:** We have now with us on the line Ali Lutz, who is the Haiti program coordinator for the group Partners in Health that has clinics throughout Haiti. Ali, talk about the situation of aid.

**ALI LUTZ:** Good morning, Amy. Thank you.

The situation in Haiti is obviously extremely dire. And we are trying to get supplies and medical personnel into Port-au-Prince and to the clinics that Partners in Health helps run throughout the country to support the response, because obviously our colleagues in

Haiti, our doctors, nurses, surgeons, they're dealing with their own families during this tragedy and doing the best that they can also to help the victims.

**JUAN GONZALEZ:** And Ali, in your contacts to get aid in, who, as far as you can tell right now, is in charge in Haiti? I know the US military now is in charge of the airport. But who do go to to try to get permission to bring your materials in?

**AMY GOODMAN:** Ali, are you there?

**JUAN GONZALEZ:** I think we've lost her there.

**AMY GOODMAN:** The problems with Skype here. Well, we'll go back to Ali Lutz after this conversation.

But just before the program, I spoke with Randall Robinson. He's the founder and past president of TransAfrica. He's currently a visiting law professor at Pennsylvania State University, though he goes home to Saint Kitts tomorrow, where he lives. His most recent book is *An Unbroken Agony: Haiti, from Revolution to the Kidnapping of a President*. I began by just asking for his thoughts about the crisis right now in Haiti.

**RANDALL ROBINSON:** It's important, in trying to find ways to help, to be generous and to give, and to give generously. I would like to commend President Obama for his strong and fast response of a commitment of \$100 million. Operations are already underway. I think the world is being incredibly generous, as I understand the pace of things to be at this point, the pace of giving. But, of course, as many lives as can possibly be salvaged need to be salvaged as quickly as possible, and I have every reason to believe that the administration and others are doing the very best that they can. As a private citizen, it's my responsibility, and our general responsibility, to support every effort that's being made to save lives in Haiti.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Word is now President Pr~~é~~val has said they've just burnedburied 7,000 bodies in a mass grave, but the most important thing right now is the search equipment, to go in and to save people who are just hanging on, perhaps who have been crushed, who are hidden in the rubble. And yet, that has yet to come. Some word is there's a lot of aid at the airport not able to get through, and then other aid just hasn't come.

**RANDALL ROBINSON:** Well, that's not surprising. It's hard for things to function when virtually all of the infrastructure has been destroyed. The Haitian government is unable to function, I would imagine, because it's under the same burden that all Haitians are under. The President's home has been destroyed. It's hard to get from point A to point B, because the roads are blocked, petrol is not available. Heavy equipment is not yet available.

But in the spirit of *konbit*, the Haitian Creole word for "collaboration and cooperation," Haitians are doing everything they can. They are resilient, industrious, courageous people. They're doing everything they can to save the lives of their fellows, and they're doing it, thus far, with very little, because it's taking a while for that kind of assistance to materialize.

**AMY GOODMAN:** President Obama has tapped President Clinton and former President George W. Bush to coordinate the aid relief to Haiti. I was wondering your thoughts on that.

**RANDALL ROBINSON:** Well, Amy, I'm, of course, troubled by that. I don't think this is the timeneither the time nor the place to discuss those things that

have troubled me for a long time in the history of American policy towards Haiti. Now the focus must be upon the rescue efforts that are underway to save lives.

But I hope that this experience, this disaster, causes American media to take a keener look at Haiti, at the Haitian people, at their wonderful creativity, at their art, at their culture, and what they've had to bear. It has been described to the American people as a problem of their own making. Well, that's simply not the case. Haiti has been, of course, put upon by outside powers for its whole post-slavery history, from 1804 up until the present.

Of course, President Bush was responsible for destroying Haitian democracy in 2004, when he and American forces abducted President Aristide and his wife, taking them off to Africa, and they are now in South Africa. President Clinton has largely sponsored a program of economic development that supports the idea of sweatshops. Haitians in Haiti today make 38 cents an hour. They don't make a high enough wage to pay for their lunch and transportation to and from work. But this is the kind of economic program that President Clinton has supported. I think that is sad, that these two should be joined in this kind of effort. It sends, I think, the wrong kind of signal. But that is not what we should focus on now. We should focus on saving lives.

But in the last analysis, I hope that American media will not just continue to the refrain of Haiti being the poorest country in the western hemisphere, but will come to ask the question, why? What distinguishes Haiti from the rest of the Caribbean? Why are the other countries, like the country in which I live, Saint Kitts, middle-income and successful countries, and Haiti is mired in economic despair? What happened? And who's had a hand in it? If Haiti has been under a series of serial dictatorship, who armed the dictators? There are other hands in Haiti's problem. Of course Haiti is responsible for some of its own failures, but probably not principally responsible. We need to know that. We need to be told the whole story of these wonderful, resilient, courageous and industrious people. And we have not been told that. I would hope that this would be an opportunity for doing so.

**AMY GOODMAN:** In talking about President Bush, while most people may not know the role the US played in the ouster of President Aristide February 29th, 2004, probably what would come to mind when there's any discussion of relief efforts is Katrina.

**RANDALL ROBINSON:** Yes. The problem of what happened in February 2004 continues. We had democracy in Haiti, and that democracy was blighted by the Bush administration. And now President Aristide's party is prohibited from participating in the electoral process. His party is the largest party in Haiti. And why should we be so afraid to let his party participate? If Haitian people don't want them, they won't vote for them. That is the very essence of democracy, that people get a chance to stand for election, and the electorate gets a chance to make a decision. But we have obstructed that process in Haiti. We have done that under the Clinton administration, under the Bush administration, and that continues under the Obama administration. And that is indeed unfortunate. I am imploring American media to examine this in whole part, in

ways that media have failed to do so up until now.

**AMY GOODMAN:** This history, the two crises, the natural catastrophe that is the earthquake, that the Red Cross is now saying they believe perhaps up to 50,000 people have died and we're not talking about, you know, just what has happened in the past, but what is currently happening. Who was just quoted? Lieutenant General Russel Honoré—the retired general who took charge of relief efforts in New Orleans, said that aid should have arrived, that said the US military should have arrived in earthquake-devastated Haiti twenty-four hours earlier. Of course, as we know, people trapped under rubble, every minute counts.

**RANDALL ROBINSON:** Well, I'm not in a position to comment on that. I simply can't make an assessment of how fast or how slowly they arrived or how soon they should have arrived. And so, I will withhold comment on that.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Does it make you nervous to hear about US soldiers on Haitian soil? If you can share a little more of the history of the United States and Haiti or do you think this isn't the time to talk, for example, about 1915 to 1934, the first US Marine occupation, and then

**RANDALL ROBINSON:** Well, I should think it would. I should think, Amy, it would make Haitians nervous under these circumstances. Of course, I'm sure that they are, understandably, quite happy to see assistance from any quarter. But it was in 1915 that Woodrow Wilson, of course, with a force of American Marines, invaded and occupied Haiti until 1934. They seized land, redistributed it to American corporations, took control of the country, ran the country, collected customs duties for that period of time, and ran the country as if it were an American possession.

But this has marked the relationship since Toussaint Louverture and an army of ex-slaves overthrew French rule in 1804. The French exacted, of course, reparations from the new free black republic of Haiti, bankrupting the country. The Vatican didn't recognize Haiti until the 1860s. The Western nations of the world, responding to a call for isolation and embargo from Thomas Jefferson, imposed sanctions on Haiti that lasted until the Emancipation Proclamation in the United States, of course followed in the twentieth century by President Wilson's occupation and then by the dictatorial blight of Duvaliers, Papa and son, and all of the other military generals that, of course, were armed by the United States.

And so, Haiti's plight up until this point has been, in some significant way, attributable to bad and painful American, French and Western policy that some believe is caused or described, motivated by Toussaint Louverture's victory over Napoleon. The French have never forgiven the Haitian people for this.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide said he's ready to return to help rebuild his country in the wake of the devastating earthquake. Why can't he just return?

**RANDALL ROBINSON:** Well, I'm not sure what the stated American policy is, but of course the Bush administration policy was to forbid his return. But any obstruction of his return by any power would constitute a violation of international law, a violation of the UN Charter, a violation of the Universal



Declaration of Human Rights, a violation of any number of major UN human rights conventions. You cannot restrict people either from leaving their country or returning to their country. He has every right to return home, should he want to. And one would hope that no administration, the American administration nor any other, would stand in the way of his passage home.

**AMY GOODMAN:** A few nights ago, Naomi Klein was in New York, author of *The Shock Doctrine: The Rise of Disaster Capitalism*, and she quoted a Heritage Foundation press release that came out very soon after the earthquake, talking about this being an opportunity. That is the question, whether it is an opportunity, she said, of the corporate vultures hovering over Haiti, waiting to descend and restructure Haiti, or an opportunity for progressive Haitians to rebuild their own country, to rebuild Haiti. What are your thoughts about this?

**RANDALL ROBINSON:** Well, it's an opportunity, I think, for the American people to, at long last, learn the full truth about Haiti and about our relationship with Haiti. They've known they've been caused to know very little about it. And I think progress a new beginning starts with the truth. That is a truth that has been suppressed for all of these many years. The American people know almost nothing about what happened in 2004, about the abduction of President Aristide, about the destruction of Haiti's democracy as a result of the efforts of both the United States and the French government. We need to know that. And in the last analysis, Haitians have at their disposal a vigorous, creative, industrious and successful community in the United States, in France, in Canada. The Haitian diaspora is very much engaged with Haiti. They need to be given an opportunity to help Haiti rebuild itself.

We need to go away from what we've been doing in support, a sort of an unconditional support, for wealthy Haitians that are running sweatshops in the country, that pay people appallingly low wages. That is not the way to any bright future for Haiti. And that is the course, the idea that former President Clinton has been advancing for Haiti. I think it is sad. It can't work. It won't work. It will brew a further resentment of the United States.

And I think that the only way we can move ahead constructively with Haiti is to begin by telling the full story of our relationship with Haiti since 1804, what happened in the nineteenth century and what has happened in the twentieth century, so that Americans will understand at long last that Haiti's misery is largely not of its own making. They will learn of a Haitian people who are quite different from those who have been described to them. And I think it is at that point we can make the beginning that we need to make and that is rooted in a policy that is constructive and sensitive and caring and productive for the United States, as well as for the Haitian people.

**AMY GOODMAN:** Randall Robinson, founder and past president of TransAfrica. He fasted almost until death years ago under the Clinton administration to try to get President Clinton to close Guantanamo. In that case, it was to close Guantanamo so that Haitian refugees who were trying to escape the coup in Haiti were able to come into the United States. Randall Robinson's latest book is called *An Unbroken Agony: Haiti, from*

*from Revolution to the Kidnapping of a President.*

| 31648|2010-01-27 11:51:15|sekhmet Johnson|Fw: 'Heroes' Actor Loses Relatives in Haiti Quake|

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I hope he finds his parents safe. -Sekhmet

## Actor From 'Heroes' Loses Relatives in Haitian Quake

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Haiti native **Jimmy Jean-Louis** of the TV show "Heroes" lost relatives in Tuesday's 7.0 earthquake and is still trying to locate his parents in the earthquake-ravaged country.

CNN reports that Jean-Louis is seeking his parents after he found out that a home he grew up in had collapsed and killed several family members.

He told CNN, "I have not slept yet. The second house that I grew up in was down, and some relatives have died, from what I have been told." He goes on to say, "I haven't been able to reach my parents. I have heard that they are OK, but I do not know what is going on around them."

Jean-Louis spent the recent holidays in Haiti with his family, and plans to go back soon to administer aid through his organization Hollywood Unites for Haiti, according to the cable outlet. "I am going to try to get in, but I am going to try to understand the situation first to see how I can best help," Jean-Louis told CNN. "The plan is to at some point visit, and right now, I am trying to be as productive as I can be here."

Hollywood Unites for Haiti is collecting donations on their web site at [hufh.org](http://hufh.org).

In another way to help, fellow Haiti native **Wyclef Jean** announced Tuesday that those who wish to aid earthquake victims can donate \$5 to the Yele Haiti Earthquake Fund by texting "Yele" to 501501 (the amount will be charged to the person's cell phone bill) or visit [www.Yele.org](http://www.Yele.org) and click "Donate."

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| See All: heroes tv Jimmy Jean-Louis

| 31649|2010-01-27 12:18:13|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: Sobs/Growls Same In Any Language|  
This is awesome! Once again thank you so much sister in your steadfast efforts to look at all the facts and offer information that gives insight and understanding,  
Much love and light,  
Ladeeowl

--- On **Tue, 1/26/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Sobs/Growls Same In Any Language  
To: "Ta-Seti"  
Cc: "peter" , "lady owl"  
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 7:08 PM

Just a change of pace article..... ... -Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

<http://www.livescience.com/culture/negative-emotion-sounds-universally-understandable-100125.html>

## Sobs and Growls Come Across In Any Language

By Rachael Rettner, LiveScience Staff Writer  
posted: 25 January 2010 03:07 pm ET

Sobs, screams and other nonverbal sounds we use to communicate negative emotions are more recognizable across cultures than sounds used to signal positive feelings, like cheers and signs of relief, according to a new study. The study compared the ability of Europeans to recognize nonverbal sounds from the Himba people, a group of people living in northern Namibia, and vice versa. Here, a Himba participant listens to sounds played by the experimenters. Credit: Frank Eisner



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A Himba participant listens to sounds played by the experimenters. Credit: Frank Eisner  
You don't always need to use words to get your point across you could just growl or yelp. No matter what your cultural background, if you sob, scream or growl, others are likely to know what you mean, according to a new study.

And the cries you may make when you're in danger or upset are more [universally understandable](#) than those you might let out if you're feeling good, such as a cheer or a sigh of relief, the researchers say.

While several studies have looked at whether different [facial expressions](#) are recognizable to people all over the globe, few have examined the universality of so-called "nonverbal vocalizations," or the cries, grunts and laughs we all use to convey emotion without speaking, said study researcher Disa Sauter of the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, in The Netherlands .

In fact, no previous studies have compared the nonverbal noises of westernized cultures with those of extremely isolated groups who have had zero exposure to the modern world, she said. For this task, Sauter and her colleagues turned to the Himba people, a group of over 20,000 living in small communities across northern Namibia, in southern Africa. Some of their settlements are extremely isolated, having no contact with people from other societies. Their culture has no writing system and no formal education.

The researchers wanted to see how well the Himba people understood European nonverbal vocalizations, and in turn, how well the Europeans deciphered the Himba nonverbal sounds. Himba members were first read stories in their own language that were designed to elicit very specific emotions, such as one meant to elicit sadness about a man whose close relative had died. The story listeners were then asked, "How do you think this person is feeling?" and were played two sounds one of a person crying, the other a sound not related to sadness (a so-called distracter sound). If crying means the same thing to Himba people as it does to Europeans, they should pick the right noise every time, and if not, their selections should be random.

(This story strategy does not require the Himba people to read, and it avoids any potential problems that might arise from translating words between the cultures, Sauter said.)

They found that the Himba people were more easily able to recognize sounds conveying negative emotions than positive ones. They correctly paired sounds for anger (growls), sadness, disgust (retches) and fear (screams) with their appropriate stories, and did so at a level that was higher than what you would expect by chance. They also accurately identified the sounds for surprise considered a neutral emotion, because it is expressed in situations that are unexpected, but not necessarily good or bad.

They didn't do as well for positive emotions. The sound for amusement ([laughter](#)) was the only positive vocalization that the Himba people were able to recognize at a level that did not appear random.

Those in the European group were able to correctly identify all of the Himba nonverbal vocalizations, for both negative and positive emotions.

The mismatch in results between cultures "seems to suggest that maybe positive signals are something that we learn from those around us as we grow up, whereas the negative emotions seem to be something that's possibly more biologically determined," Sauter told LiveScience. Specifically positive emotions "are thought to strengthen social bonds, and that might be something that you want to primarily do with the people of your own group," she said.

The results were published in the Jan. 25 issue of the journal Proceedings of the National

Academy of Sciences. Sauter conducted the research as part of a Ph.D. thesis while at the University College London, in England. The work was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, the University College London Central Research Fund, among others.

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| 31650|2010-01-27 17:09:19|sekhmet Johnson|Haiti: Freeze Public Wages|  
I copied this article (and the first reader comment) from The Nation Magazine online, and I guess I have the answer to my own question from yesterday...*How does Haiti even MAKE a ONE BILLION dollar debt?* I imagine it started by having to pay your slave-owner for enslaving you in the first place. Now, does anyone want to explain how the heck THAT works and they call it "justice" or is it "just us"? -Sekhmet

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## IMF to Haiti: Freeze Public Wages

**posted by Richard Kim on 01/15/2010 @ 5:47pm**

Since a devastating earthquake rocked Haiti on Tuesday--killing tens of thousands of people--there's been a lot of well-intentioned chatter and twitter about how to *help* Haiti. Folks have been donating millions of dollars to Wyclef Jean's Yele Haiti (by texting "YELE" to 501501) or to the Red Cross (by texting "HAITI" to 90999) or to Paul Farmer's extraordinary [Partners in Health](#), among other organizations. I hope these donations continue to pour in, along with more money, food, water, medicine, equipment and doctors and nurses from nations around the world. The Obama administration has pledged at least \$100 million in aid and has already sent thousands of soldiers and relief workers. That's a decent start.

But it's also time to stop having a conversation about charity and start having a conversation about justice--about recovery, responsibility and fairness. What the world should be pondering instead is: What is Haiti owed?

Haiti's vulnerability to natural disasters, its food shortages, poverty, deforestation and lack of infrastructure, are not accidental. To say that it is the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere is to miss the point; Haiti was made poor--by France, the United States, Great Britain, other Western powers and by the IMF and the World Bank.

Now, in its attempts to help Haiti, the IMF is pursuing the same kinds of policies that made Haiti a geography of precariousness even before the quake. To great fanfare, the IMF announced [a new \\$100 million loan](#) to Haiti on Thursday. In one crucial way, the loan is a good thing; Haiti is in dire straits and needs a massive cash infusion. But the new loan was made through the IMF's extended credit facility, to which Haiti already has \$165 million in debt. Debt relief activists tell me that these loans came with conditions, including raising prices for electricity, refusing pay increases to all public employees except those making minimum wage and keeping inflation low. They say that the new loans would impose these same conditions. In other words, in the face of this latest tragedy, the IMF is still using crisis and debt as leverage to compel neoliberal reforms. For Haiti, this is history repeated. As historians have documented, the impoverishment of Haiti

began in the earliest decades of its independence, when Haiti's slaves and free *gens de couleur* rallied to liberate the country from the French in 1804. But by 1825, Haiti was living under a new kind of bondage--external debt. In order to keep the French and other Western powers from enforcing an embargo, it agreed to pay 150 million francs in reparations to French slave owners (yes, that's right, freed slaves were forced to compensate their former masters for their liberty). In order to do that, they borrowed millions from French banks and then from the US and Germany. As [Alex von Tunzelmann pointed out](#), "by 1900, it [Haiti] was spending 80 percent of its national budget on repayments."

It took Haiti 122 years, but in 1947 the nation paid off about 60 percent, or 90 million francs, of this debt (it was able to negotiate a reduction in 1838). In 2003, then-President [Aristide called on France](#) to pay restitution for this sum--valued in 2003 dollars at over \$21 billion. A few months later, he was ousted in a coup d'etat; he claims he left the country under armed pressure from the US.

Then of course there are the structural adjustment policies imposed by the IMF and World Bank in the 1990s. In 1995, for example, the IMF forced Haiti to cut its rice tariff from 35 percent to 3 percent, leading to a massive increase in rice-dumping, the vast majority of which came from the United States. As [a 2008 Jubilee USA report notes](#), although the country had once been a net exporter of rice, "by 2005, three out of every four plates of rice eaten in Haiti came from the US." During this period, USAID invested heavily in Haiti, but this "charity" came not in the form of grants to develop Haiti's agricultural infrastructure, but in direct food aid, furthering Haiti's dependence on foreign assistance while also funneling money back to US agribusiness. A 2008 report from the [Center for International Policy](#) points out that in 2003, Haiti spent \$57.4 million to service its debt, while total foreign assistance for education, health care and other services was a mere \$39.21 million. In other words, under a system of putative benevolence, Haiti paid back more than it received. As [Paul Farmer noted in our pages](#) after hurricanes whipped the country in 2008, Haiti is "a veritable graveyard of development projects."

So what can activists do in addition to donating to a charity? One long-term objective is to get the IMF to forgive all \$265 million of Haiti's debt (that's the \$165 million outstanding, plus the \$100 million issued this week). In the short term, Haiti's IMF loans could be restructured to come from the IMF's rapid credit facility, which doesn't impose conditions like keeping wages and inflation down.

Indeed, debt relief is essential to Haiti's future. It recently had about \$1.2 billion in debt canceled, but it still owes about \$891 million, all of which was lent to the country from 2004 onward. \$429 million of that debt is held by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), to whom Haiti is scheduled to make \$10 million in payments next year. Obviously, that's money better spent on saving Haitian lives and rebuilding the country in the months ahead; the cancellation of the entire sum would free up precious capital. The US controls about 30 percent of the bank's shares; Latin American and Caribbean countries hold just over 50 percent. Notably, the IDB's loans come from its fund for special operations (i.e. the IDB's donor nations and funds from loans that have been paid back), not from IDB's bonds. Hence, the total amount could be forgiven without impacting the IDB's triple-A credit rating.

Finally, although the Obama administration temporarily halted deportations to Haiti, it hasn't granted Haitians temporary protected status (TPS), which would save them from being deported back to the scene of a disaster for as long as 18 months, allow them to work in the US and, crucially, send money back to relatives in Haiti. In the past, TPS has been given to countries like Honduras and Nicaragua in 1998 after Hurricane Mitch, but it has never been extended to

Haitians, even after the 2008 storms, presumably because immigrations officials fear a mass exodus from Haiti.

But decency, as well as fairness, should trump those fears now. As Sunita Patel, an attorney with CCR, told me, "We have granted TPS to El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, Somalia and Sudan following natural disasters. To apply different rules here would fly in the face of the administration's efforts to build good will abroad."

(UPDATE: It has just been announced that the Obama administration has granted Temporary Protected Status to Haiti. This is a great relief to Haitians in the US and a victory for those who pressured the administration to do so.)

## Comments

1. "Haiti's vulnerability to natural disasters, its food shortages, poverty, deforestation and lack of infrastructure, are not accidental. To say that it is the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere is to miss the point; Haiti was made poor--by France, the United States, Great Britain, other Western powers and by the IMF and the World Bank."

I was about to think you were going to tell the old story of multinational corporations moving in and draining another 3rd world country of its natural resources, but then read:

"In order to keep the French and other Western powers from enforcing an embargo, it agreed to pay 150 million francs in reparations to French slave owners (yes, that's right, freed slaves were forced to compensate their former masters for their liberty). In order to do that, they borrowed millions from French banks and then from the US and Germany. As Alex von Tunzelmann pointed out, "by 1900, it [Haiti] was spending 80 percent of its national budget on repayments."

So the people themselves are the natural resource there and they've been drained; one could even say 'hollowed out'...

Posted by *hsuBfools* at 01/15/2010

| 31651|2010-01-27 17:09:59|sekhmet Johnson|The Haiti Haters|

I don't think I really need to "comment" on the "usual haters".... -Sekhmet

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# The Haiti Haters

**By Amy Wilentz***opinion piece*

This article appeared in the February 8, 2010 edition of *The Nation*.

**January 21, 2010**

The Haitian tragedy has opened up a whole new industry for what I call the genteel racist point of view. A week into the crisis I heard an otherwise intelligent report on NPR in which the correspondent opened her piece from Port-au-Prince by declaring that it "is not falling into a...pit of violence," thereby giving us an idea of what she had been anticipating, almost breathlessly. We heard this kind of thing frequently in the days after the earthquake, with scores of fresh reporters receiving their Haitian baptism amid the rubble. There are many problems in Haiti, but most of the negative pronouncements that have been circulating do not touch on them. The commentary has been psychopolitical rather than analytical.

- **UN Diplomat Lost to Haiti's Earthquake**

Haiti

*Dan Bischoff:* Among the dead in Haiti are the UN workers who were trying to make the nation a better place.

***Nation* Pushes IMF to Cancel Haiti's debt**

Disaster Capitalism

*The Rachel Maddow Show :* Amid mounting public pressure and calls for restructuring from *The Nation*, the IMF turns its \$100 million loan to Haiti into a grant.

More

- **The Haiti Haters**

Haiti

*Amy Wilentz:* In this moment of death and destruction, we should not turn away.

**Benazir's Bequest**

Pakistan

*Amy Wilentz:* In the shock, power grabs and crackdowns that followed Benazir Bhutto's assassination, it's easy to forget that the greatest casualty in Pakistan is the rule of law.

**Letter From Jerusalem**

Israeli/Palestinian Conflict

*Amy Wilentz:* This was always a divided city, even before the wall against peace.



At least reporters, while their views may be wrongheaded, are giving us new information from the ground. Far more insidious are the armchair commentators who know nothing about Haiti--many never having set toe there--but enjoy rebuking suffering Haitians from the comfort of their white bastions in the United States and Europe. I've never seen victims so roundly blamed for their fate. David Brooks's recent column in the *New York Times*--one of the paper's most e-mailed articles the week it was published--blamed Haiti's culture for the quake's violence.

"It is time," Brooks writes sententiously, "to put the thorny issue of culture at the center of efforts to tackle global poverty. Why is Haiti so poor? Well, it has a history of oppression, slavery and colonialism. But so does Barbados, and Barbados is doing pretty well."

By all means, let's turn to actual history, which Brooks has mangled. As has been mentioned repeatedly, the Haitian slaves rose up in 1791 and began what was to become the only successful slave revolution in modern history. That war ended, after much loss of life on both sides, with the establishment of the world's first black republic, in 1804--just twenty-eight years after the American Declaration of Independence. The Haitians' models were the American and French revolutions, and they based their ideas on the Declaration of the Rights of Man. But their revolution seems to have been a little premature for the tastes of the world in which they had to operate. Haiti was almost immediately saddled with a gargantuan and punitive reparations payment to France in exchange for recognition and the ability to engage in unhampered international trade. The wealthy, slaveholding United States did not recognize Haiti until 1862, after the Southern states seceded. Haiti has been a pariah nation for its entire history.

Barbados, on the other hand: the Barbadians made their bold stand for independence from Britain in... 1966. The British had already given up slavery more than a century earlier. It was an unbloody, negotiated independence, and Barbados is still a part of the British Commonwealth. In fact, its membership began on the date of independence, as did Jamaica's, in 1962, when it shrugged off the very loose shackles of the remnant of British colonialism. The British were less brutal masters than the French, and in the eighteenth century it was probably wiser to remain a colony under them than, as the Haitians did, gain your freedom at the expense of your economic welfare.

Brooks goes on to discuss the Haitian family, seemingly basing his argument on a book by Lawrence Harrison, a conservative cultural critic who also knows nothing about Haiti. "Child-rearing practices" in Haiti, Brooks writes, "often involve neglect in the early years and harsh retribution when kids hit 9 or 10." I don't know where this assertion comes from, but it reminds me of nothing so much as Daniel Patrick Moynihan's controversial and misguided report on the black family in the 1960s. I've never seen either of these child-rearing practices in my two decades of living in and covering Haiti. In fact, I see more parents carrying small children around in Haiti's markets than I do at the farmers' markets in Los Angeles. You can't write these kinds of things about people whose culture and nation you respect. Nor would an editor permit you to say such things blithely about people who are considered our equals or are able to respond in equally august publications. Right now, the Haitians cannot--they're too busy getting water for their neglected children.

Let's move briefly to Anne Applebaum's similar column, which appeared in the *Washington*

*Post.* Anne's a little depressed. She opens her piece (as she so often does) by telling us about herself; her reactions are important to her: "For the past several days, I have found myself unable to look at the photographs from Haiti. I have also found that when I start an article datelined Port-au-Prince, I have to force myself to read to the end." Although she doesn't like to read about it, she knows what's at the heart of her reluctance: "I have no illusions about anyone's ability to help, for this...is a man-made disaster first and foremost, and so it will remain." She goes on to fault the weakness of Haiti's public institutions for the physical collapse of buildings, including the Presidential Palace (constructed by the Marines during the 1915-34 US occupation of Haiti) and many other public edifices built by perfectly well-educated architects using the best practices of their day. It's a stunningly heartless argument.

Applebaum tells us that she was not this hopeless after the Indian Ocean tsunami or Hurricane Katrina, and that it was easy to coordinate basic assistance in those cases. Of course, this is patently not true, as anyone who has read about or experienced those situations knows. Applebaum goes on to say that there were no scenes in Aceh, Indonesia, of "what everyone always calls 'biblical' tragedy." The reason some people call the Haitian quake biblical is that they believe, whether consciously or not, that it is a sort of divine retribution for the temerity of the Haitian Revolution, and for the idea that black people could take charge of their own lives. As Pat Robertson put it, the Haitians made a deal with the Devil to throw off French rule. That's how he sees it, and by extension, though in much more genteel terms, that's how many other commentators see it. One cannot help but wonder, then, what the Lord was avenging when he brought down an earthquake on San Francisco in 1989, or on Los Angeles in 1994. Gay rights? Bad movies?

But let's look at things clearly, without prejudice. Haiti was in bad shape before the earthquake. Though outside forces like debt, economic sanctions, US interference and a big but diffuse and uncoordinated development community have grievously harmed the country, Haitians too are responsible for their problems. The government is weak and--although much improved in recent years--still corrupt here and there, and still plagued by internecine fighting over the tiny bits of funding that are available in a country with microscopic national coffers. Taxes are not properly collected, and well-connected families and officials fight to the death over things like where emergency response teams or bridges should be located (my province or yours?). Appropriations battles are even harder fought in the Haitian legislature than in the US Congress, and over much smaller streams of money. And powerful drug traffickers have taken refuge in this governmentally lax situation, as they have in Mexico and Colombia.

The country is also too centralized. Everything depends on the government in Port-au-Prince. All the money flows out of that great city to the provinces, when it flows at all. But with people fleeing the destroyed capital, now's a good time to consider federalizing Haiti. The countryside needs funding sources other than the usually paralyzed national legislature. Strong and honest provincial councils that can levy taxes and craft local solutions to local problems would vastly improve the quality of life, and fewer Haitians would feel compelled to move to Port-au-Prince to seek their fortune--and build slums that pancake in earthquakes.

We need constructive answers to these big questions now. Good ideas are coming in from people like Paul Farmer, who's run Haiti's Partners in Health for years and who is now Bill Clinton's

deputy at the United Nations. They're coming in from Haitian survivors in all rubble-strewn walks of life. New paradigms are also being offered by hardheaded analysts like Jocelyn McCalla, a Haitian who consults on government, immigration and business affairs, and from economists who have turned their view toward global poverty eradication. Not all their ideas are useful or plausible, and everything will be difficult to implement in the months immediately following such a catastrophe. But people like this are trying to find a way toward rebuilding Haiti, and building it better.

You have a choice in a situation like the one we're confronting. You can sit back in your chair and fondle your nihilism, or you can try to be original and work toward something creative. People like Brooks, Applebaum and Robertson are tapping into something very dark and atavistic indeed. Those who read them or hear them are bound to ask themselves, "What is it about Haiti?" Some will shrug and, like Applebaum, turn away. In a moment of such death and destruction, that's not the reaction one should hope to elicit.

## About Amy Wilentz

Amy Wilentz is a *Nation* contributing editor and the author of the award-winning *The Rainy Season: Haiti Since Duvalier* (Simon & Schuster, 1989). Her novel *Martyrs' Crossing* (Simon & Schuster, 2001) won an American Academy of Arts and Letters Prize. Her most recent book is *I Feel Earthquakes More Often Than They Happen: Coming to California in the Age of Schwarzenegger* (Simon & Schuster, 2006). She teaches journalism at the University of California, Irvine.

| 31652|2010-01-27 17:10:03|Tafari khumbaka|Voodoo is who "we" are?|  
Must we give up who we are to receive christian and western secular charity?

<http://www.rootsandrooted.org/?p=91>

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Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

| 31653|2010-01-27 17:10:18|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Sobs/Growls Same In Any Language|  
"...gives insight and understanding..."

Wiselady, thank you; I have been a bit overwhelmed within about the news in Haiti and elsewhere with so many dying.....I needed a "break" mentally/emotionally from so much destruction and death. I have other articles I consider up-lifting and/or at least an attempt to get others to tap into their "creative spark", but didn't know how it would be received on the forum....or allowed, I am still a newbie.

I will send another one (article)I am passionate about, if the owner doesn't mind...if not, no problem.

Take care,

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, Li (wiseladyowl)** wrote:

From: Li (wiseladyowl)  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Sobs/Growls Same In Any Language  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 2:18 PM

This is awesome! Once again thank you so much sister in your steadfast efforts to look at all the facts and offer information that gives insight and understanding,  
Much love and light,  
Ladeeowl

--- On **Tue, 1/26/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Sobs/Growls Same In Any Language  
To: "Ta-Seti"  
Cc: "peter" , "lady owl"  
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 7:08 PM

Just a change of pace article..... -Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

<http://www.livescience.com/culture/negative-emotion-sounds-universally-understandable-100125.html>

## Sobs and Growls Come Across In Any Language

By Rachael Rettner, LiveScience Staff Writer  
posted: 25 January 2010 03:07 pm ET

Sobs, screams and other nonverbal sounds we use to communicate negative emotions are more recognizable across cultures than sounds used to signal positive feelings, like cheers and signs of relief, according to a new study. The study compared the ability of Europeans to recognize nonverbal sounds from the Himba people, a group of people living in northern Namibia, and vice versa. Here, a Himba participant listens to sounds played by the experimenters. Credit: Frank Eisner



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You don't always need to use words to get your point across you could just growl or yelp. No matter what your cultural background, if you sob, scream or growl, others are likely to know what you mean, according to a new study. And the cries you may make when you're in danger or upset are more [universally understandable](#) than those you might let out if you're feeling good, such as a cheer or a sigh of relief, the researchers say.

While several studies have looked at whether different [facial expressions](#) are recognizable to people all over the globe, few have examined the universality of so-called "nonverbal vocalizations," or the cries, grunts and laughs we all use to convey emotion without speaking, said study researcher Disa Sauter of the Max Planck Institute for Psycholinguistics, in The Netherlands .

In fact, no previous studies have compared the nonverbal noises of westernized cultures with those of extremely isolated groups who have had zero exposure to the modern world, she said. For this task, Sauter and her colleagues turned to the Himba people, a group of over 20,000 living in small communities across northern Namibia, in southern Africa. Some of their settlements are extremely isolated, having no contact with people from other societies. Their culture has no writing system and no formal education.

The researchers wanted to see how well the Himba people understood European nonverbal vocalizations, and in turn, how well the Europeans deciphered the Himba nonverbal sounds. Himba members were first read stories in their own language that were designed to elicit very specific emotions, such as one meant to elicit sadness about a man whose close relative had died. The story listeners were then asked, "How do you think this person is feeling?" and were played two sounds one of a person crying, the other a sound not related to sadness (a so-called distracter sound). If crying means the same thing to Himba people as it does to Europeans, they should pick the right noise every time, and if not, their selections should be random.

(This story strategy does not require the Himba people to read, and it avoids any potential problems that might arise from translating words between the cultures, Sauter said.)

They found that the Himba people were more easily able to recognize sounds conveying negative emotions than positive ones. They correctly paired sounds for anger (growls), sadness, disgust (retches) and fear (screams) with their appropriate stories, and did so at a level that was higher than what you would expect by chance. They also accurately identified the sounds for surprise considered a neutral emotion, because it is expressed in situations that are unexpected, but not necessarily good or bad.

They didn't do as well for positive emotions. The sound for amusement ([laughter](#)) was the only positive vocalization that the Himba people were able to recognize at a level that did not appear random.

Those in the European group were able to correctly identify all of the Himba nonverbal vocalizations, for both negative and positive emotions.

The mismatch in results between cultures "seems to suggest that maybe positive signals are something that we learn from those around us as we grow up, whereas the negative emotions seem to be something that's possibly more biologically determined," Sauter told LiveScience. Specifically positive emotions "are thought to strengthen social bonds, and that might be something that you want to primarily do with the people of your own group," she said. The results were published in the Jan. 25 issue of the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences. Sauter conducted the research as part of a Ph.D. thesis while at the University College London, in England. The work was funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, the University College London Central Research Fund, among others.

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| 31654|2010-01-27 17:10:40|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Spay or Neuter -- the case against this practice as outlined by |

Hello Hebrew,

personally, I haven't a clue since it is a religious ideology/commandment for a particular religious community. I could ask a few Jews/Hebrews that I have met why this is/was necessary at the time their deity commanded it...unless that is not what you are asking.

Anyway, I don't think sterilizing an animal is the same as killing one for human consumption, but an attempt to control the population of certain animals in human communities like cats and dogs that are also strays.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Spay or Neuter -- the case against this practice as outlined by The TNK // TORAH!

To: "Torah Truh"

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 1:06 PM

**IN THE MOST GLORIOUS AND PERFECT NAME OF YAHWEH**

Greetings my dear Brothers & Sisters in TORAH!

[http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet\\_overpopulation/facts/spay\\_neuter\\_myths\\_facts.html](http://www.humanesociety.org/issues/pet_overpopulation/facts/spay_neuter_myths_facts.html)

Today I would like to start a discussion around the practice in animal husbandry known as "spaying or neutering" or commonly called "being fixed".

In our dear father Prophet Moses' writings as divinely inspired and revealed by Yah, we find the following in the 613 Commandments, although most folks only the 'basic' 10:

## **A List of the 613 Mitzvot (Commandments)**

### **תריג מצוות**

- 143. Not to eat the flesh of a beast that died of itself (Deut. 14:21) (CCN86). See [Kosher slaughtering](#).
- 144. To slay cattle, deer and fowl according to the laws of shechitah if their flesh is to be eaten (Deut. 12:21) ("as I have commanded" in this verse refers to the technique) (CCA48). See [Kosher slaughtering](#).
- 145. Not to eat a limb removed from a living beast (Deut. 12:23) (CCN90). See [Kosher slaughtering](#).
- 146. Not to slaughter an animal and its young on the same day (Lev. 22:28) (CCN108).

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- 358. Not to cross-breed cattle of different species (Lev. 19:19) (according to the [Talmud](#), this also applies to birds) (CCN142).
- 359. Not to sow different kinds of seed together in one field (Lev. 19:19) (CCN107).
- 360. Not to eat the fruit of a tree for three years from the time it was planted (Lev.

- 19:23) (CCN105). See [Tu B'Shevat](#).
361. That the fruit of fruit-bearing trees in the fourth year of their planting shall be sacred like the second tithe and eaten in Jerusalem (Lev. 19:24) (affirmative) (CCI16). See [Tu B'Shevat](#).
362. Not to sow grain or herbs in a vineyard (Deut. 22:9) (negative).
363. Not to eat the produce of diverse seeds sown in a vineyard (Deut. 22:9) (negative).
364. Not to work with beasts of different species, yoked together (Deut. 22:10) (CCN18

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I am trying to find the exact verses dealing with "fixing" & the rationale for not doing so?

Also, are there any HBCU School of Agriculture, Department of Animal Husbandry, that could weigh in on the "Pros vs. Cons" re. this practice?

Thanks,

hebrew



I don't usually watch this blonde on a daily basis, although I LOVE 60 Minutes and watch it faithfully, but this program was a week ago and I was worried about the kids before then. NOW,.....the government(S) of every country should put the trafficking of these children on IMMEDIATE HOLD!!

There is NO record keeping or international communications up and running currently, so any "adoptions" or just children traveling abroad should be stopped immediately. Haitians are known for taking in lost and abandoned children on the island, they always have even when they had little themselves years before the quake and the hurricanes. So-called "humanitarian" adoptions at this time should be tempered with common sense before placing them in the hands of a predator or pedophile just because their parents or another family member hasn't been located.....yet. -Sekhmet

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Subject: FW: The plight of the orphans in Haiti. That story tonight on the CBS Evening News With Katie Couric

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#### QUOTE OF THE DAY

In honor of Dr. Martin Luther King

***We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools.***

Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### DID YOU KNOW?

Bolivia holds the highest turnover of governments. Since their independence from Spain in 1825, Bolivia has had almost 200 governments.

#### RIDDLE

I reside in a container or can, You can see and feel me,  
But I do not affect the capacity of the can in any way.  
I am weightless, colorless, and odorless. What am I?

#### ANSWER TO OUR RIDDLE

A dent!

#### TONIGHT ON [THE CBS EVENING NEWS](#)

Here's a look at what we are working on for tonight's broadcast of *The CBS Evening News*. from Anchor and Managing Editor, Katie Couric

Hi everyone,

Six days later, help is still not reaching many of the survivors of Haiti's earthquake, because of continuing bottlenecks at the Port-au-Prince airport. Security remains a major concern in the capital. Episodes of looting have now been reported in several parts of the downtown area. Haitian officials say as many as [200,000 people may have died in the quake](#).

**Early Show Anchor Harry Smith** reports tonight from the streets of Port-au-Prince.

Controlled chaos turned to confrontation near the airport in Port-au-Prince today, when UN peace keepers were ordered to clear the street filled with Haitian men seeking jobs. The force was made up of Jordanian, Pakistani and Indian forces who were unable to speak Creole, English or French. They did their talking with night sticks and rubber bullets. At least [one rubber bullet was seen fired into the crowd](#). CBS News Chief National correspondent **Byron Pitts** has that story tonight.

CBS News Medical correspondent **Dr. Jennifer Ashton** is also in Haiti, and reports on the difficulties of treating the victims of the earthquake. CBS News correspondent **Seth Doane** tells us about the plight of the orphans in Haiti.

UNICEF estimates the number of orphans after the earthquake could be huge.

Be sure to check out my Web show [@katiecouric later tonight](#). We'll talk about Haiti with Mark Schneider of the International Crisis Group, and Ophelia Dahl of Partners in Health.

See you tonight. **Katie**

Here's an early look at one of the stories we are working on for Tuesday night's broadcast of *The CBS Evening News*: A week after the earthquake, rescue crews are still pulling survivors from the rubble. But millions of Haitians remain without food, water and medical care. We'll have complete coverage from Haiti, Tuesday night on *The CBS Evening News*.

If you would like more information on any of these stories or the broadcast, please click on the following address and e-mail us: [evening@cbsnews.com](mailto:evening@cbsnews.com)

#### TONIGHT ON [DAVID LETTERMAN](#)

Tonight, actress **Kristen Bell** joins **Dave** along with reality television judge and musician **Randy Jackson** and a performance from musical guest **Charlotte Gainsbourg**.

#### TUESDAY MORNING ON [THE EARLY SHOW](#)

**Maggie Rodriguez**, **Erika Hill** will anchor from New York. **Harry Smith** will anchor from Port-au-Prince with reports on the ground from Medical Correspondent, **Dr. Jennifer Ashton**. **Dave Price** will bring us the weather. **Julie Chen** is on maternity leave.

Here's an early look at one of the stories we are working on for tomorrow's broadcast:

**Harry** will be live in Port-au-Prince with a first hand report from the devastation on the ground in Haiti. While water and food are starting to trickle in, there are still thousands of people suffering from hunger and thirst. Medical Correspondent,

**Dr. Jennifer Ashton** will tell you about the difficulty in getting medical care to the injured, many critical. There are few medical supplies and very few doctors and nurses available to tend to the wounded. **Dr. Ashton** worked with some of the patients and will tell you all about the difficult situation and when much needed relief in the way of medical supplies, food and water will arrive. And, of course, the rescue efforts continue against the clock to find survivors. Both **Harry** and **Dr. Jennifer Ashton** will bring you the very latest as this story continues to unfold.

Then, we'll take a look at the upcoming election in Massachusetts to decide the late Senator Ted Kennedy's seat--a crucial one for the Democrats. Former DNC Chairman, Terry McAuliffe will guest along with RNC Chairman Michael Steele and will talk about the importance of this seat and it's potential affect on healthcare. Author of **Career Comeback** **Lisa Johnson Mandell** will have some very important tips on how to make your job search successful.

High heels on a toddler? Have fashion trends gone too far? And what are the developmental issues? Editor-in-Chief, of **Parents** magazine, **Dana Points** will tell you about this growing trend for youngsters as young as three and will touch upon the safety factors, as well as, why parents should say no to certain fashion trends.

And, wondering about what knife you should be using when you need to cut, slice and dice? **Allie Lewis Clapp** from **Real Simple** magazine will show you some of the latest gadgets and will tell you which ones are worth the money and which are not worth your time. **She'll** also show you some of the best time savers. **So for all those cooks out there???this is definitely a report and demonstration you'll want to see.**

For most of us, the frigid weather has had us looking for the warmest clothes in our closets. So, if you are someone experiencing this cold snap, you'll definitely want to see the newest and best gear for cold weather that **Matt Bean** from **Men's Health** magazine will tell you about and show you. And, **the good news** is that they won't bust your budget.

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| 31656|2010-01-28 07:18:02|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: Indigenous Spiritual Workshop Thursday|

--- On Wed, 1/27/10, TONI GILCREST [javajohari@aol.com](mailto:javajohari@aol.com) wrote:

From: TONI GILCREST

Subject: Indigenous Spiritual Workshop Thursday

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visiting Memphis this week. Join us at our  
Newest Community Business "ALPHA  
AWAKENING" (spiritual, candle & herb shop)

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***Dr. Radine Amen-Ra***



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**From:** sekhmet Johnson  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahooogroups.com  
**Sent:** Sat, January 2, 2010 7:37:55 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] Moors! The Only Ones Stopping Us Is Us. We Are Our Own Worst Enemy

Hello Michael Bayman,  
I can't get the video on this link, so is there a text link you can provide?  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 12/17/09, Michael Bayman** wrote:

From: Michael Bayman  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Moors! The Only Ones Stopping Us Is Us. We Are Our Own Worst Enemy  
To: ahnam60@hotmail. com  
Date: Thursday, December 17, 2009, 3:47 PM

**From: Amexem-Moor- Empire:** Imperial-Broadcasti ng-Agency: Staff  
**Unto:**All-Moors (Declared/Undeclare d)/Dark-hue/ Original- men and women: on-this-planet  
**Re:** Latest-video from the **Amexem-Moor- Empire:** Imperial-Government  
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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BWBexASgjrw>  
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peace out!

| 31659|2010-01-28 07:20:42|Michael Bayman|The Continuance Of Assistance For Earthquake Survivors|

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**From:** Musa Salim

**To:** @netzero.com

**Sent:** Wed, January 27, 2010 9:12:58 AM

**Subject:** Manifest for the Operation: Ante-Up: Second-Revolution

Second-wave of the **Amexem-Moor-Empire:** Imperial-Government: Operation: Ante-Up (emergency-relief-supplies for the earthquake-survivors on the Atlantis-Island = Dessalines [HAITI] = Complete with the Operation: Ante-Up: Third-Revolution = Planning-Underway. Photos = **Amexem-Moor-Empire:** Constitutional-Monarch, His-Imperial-Majesty: Emperor: An-Anu-El: Bey and the [FEDERATION: MOORISH-SCIENCE-TEMPLE-OF-AMERICA: INCORPORATED: NATIONAL-GRAND-SHEIK] Jerome-Graham: Bey prepping the 5: sets/copies of the Manifest at the Dessalines: Operations-Center in the New-Jerusalem [HAITI-EMBASSY], North-Amexem.

Peace and I.S.L.A.M.

| 31660|2010-01-28 07:20:46|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: [SmaiTawi] SUPPORT FOR DR. BEN|

--- On **Wed, 1/27/10**, wrote:

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traveled across yahoo site etc.. but thought in this instance the word going out is more important

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 5:13 PM

#### SUPPORT FOR DR. BEN

We still have in our midst a great pillar standing. He, (Dr. Ben) has written numerous books that have enlightened the minds of many, including white folks. He pioneered the first group tours to Egypt long before many of us were born and when it was unpopular in the black community to want anything to do with "going back to Africa".

99% of Dr. Ben's research and analysis, and preaching and teaching to anyone who would listen, was grossly underpaid and while in his younger years getting rich was not Dr. Ben's priority, today he really, truly needs our financial support.

While 99% of the time Dr. Ben worked for us without want for himself, his tediously detailed research was 100% factual.

Moreso, today, while his books are still selling, Dr. Ben's hard work is not credited to the degree that it should be. Dr. Ben deserves much more than just words of "thank you for what you have done for our community." He deserves much more! Dr. Ben is 92 years old and in serious need of financial contributions - for medical bills, food and daily sustenance. Please, please let's quickly pitch in generous financial contributions and rush them payable to Dr. Yosef A.A. Ben-Jochannan, c/o MEDINA, P.O. Box 290, Bronx, NY 10467-0290.

| 31661|2010-01-28 08:29:09|Peter Gray|Re: crank up the volume with this real hip-hop | Awesome representation ...

Peter

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To: i41brown41@yahoo.com

From: hebrew77@yahoo.com

Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 06:40:22 -0800

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] crank up the volume with this real hip-hop

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| 31662|2010-01-28 12:49:58|Shu Tefnut|Google Video: Hidden Agendas of Secret Societies|  
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**Sent:** Mon, January 25, 2010 2:37:49 PM

**Subject:** New Website membership

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Think & Eat Healthy,

| 31664|2010-01-28 21:25:25|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Evangelical Redemption?|

Haven't a clue why this article is called "Redemption" when they forced the man to resign his leadership position. Oh well, Christians always have CORN-fuzed me. -Sekhmet

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#### **Redemption**

America's evangelicals exiled their leader for insufficient orthodoxy. Now he's back, and he's unrepentant.

By **Lisa Miller** | Newsweek Web Exclusive

Jan28, 2010

Richard Cizik remembers it this way: he had just come home from a week in Australia and was about to jet off to Paris when he sat down on Dec. 2, 2008 for [his post-election interview with NPR's Terry Gross](#). She opened by asking him who he voted for, and though he demurred, he offered a big hint. "In the Virginia primary, I voted for Barack Obama," he said.

A few minutes later, she asked the question that would cost Cizik his job: "Have you changed on gay marriage?"

"I'm shifting," Cizik answered, truthfully, "I have to admit. In other words, I would willingly say I believe in civil unions."

As the Washington lobbyist for the [National Association of Evangelicals](#) for nearly 30 years, Cizik should have known better. Even as polls continued to show a younger generation of Christians who were more accepting than their parents of homosexuality and gay marriage, the men who were running the old-school religious right remained completely and unequivocally opposed and the NAE, an association of tens of thousands of churches, had always been positioned squarely within that flank. But for some time Cizik had been distancing himself from the old-timers, promoting global warming and environmentalism as Christian causes and supporting government-funded contraception as a way to reduce teen pregnancy. Religious-right stalwarts had long been calling out Cizik as [insufficiently orthodox](#), but until now the NAE had his back. "I walked out of that interview so confident of myself that I was oblivious to the repercussions," he told me this week. "I got on a plane and flew to Paris, where I started getting e-mails about how everyone was upset with me." So he turned around and flew to Minneapolis, where he met NAE president Leith Anderson at an Outback Steakhouse. And that was that. Cizik resigned. "Our individuals and organizations felt there was a loss of credibility for him," Anderson said at the time.

After a year of keeping a low profile, Cizik is "making a comeback," as he puts it. This week he announces the formation of the New Evangelical Partnership for the Common Good, a group devoted to developing Christian responses to global and political issues such as environmentalism, nuclear disarmament, human rights, and dialogue with the Muslim world. Cizik's partners in this effort are David Gushee, a professor of Christian ethics at Mercer University who has written extensively on torture, and Steven D. Martin, a pastor and filmmaker. For years, Cizik has been saying that the evangelical right needs to reframe its politics, to walk away from divisive name calling and find common ground with opponents, even on hot-button issues like abortion and gay marriage. "We are evangelical in our roots and orientation, but we aren't going to work only with evangelicals," explains Gushee.

The partnership gives Cizik a platform from which to speak openly. In his old job, "I wasn't allowed to say what I was thinking if it didn't support every jot and tittle of NAE policy," he says. Now, "I don't have to worry about the kinds of accountability that I had before."

Critics will say that Cizik has gone soft or, worse, that he's allowed himself to be co-opted by the left: he's the token conservative evangelical with the progressive agenda who gets trotted out as evidence that conservative evangelicals no longer care about the issues that once mattered so much to them. (This broad point of view, though embraced by many in the left-wing press, is not supported by polls. Younger evangelicals are concerned with a broader range of issues than their parents, especially environmentalism and the developing world, but they are more conservative on abortion.) In any case, Cizik shrugs these criticisms off. "I am, at heart, a centrist evangelical. I am more pro-life than [Sojourners founder] Jim Wallis is, actually. I am what we should be, that is, post-ideological. We are to be about healing, not division. We are not to be subservient to ideology, but above it."

Cizik says he represents a tradition of evangelicalism going back to the beginning of the 20th century to Francis Schaeffer and Carl Henry, evangelicals who were strictly orthodox, but advocated a broad engagement with the world. "I'm not some upstart who's trying to conjure up a new vision," he says. "This goes back a long way."

As for his year in hiding, Cizik does not seem to regret a thing. "I was sad," he says. "I understood. I apologized. I had a whole lot of emotions, and it takes a while to process those. I spent a fair amount of time being quiet." He reiterates his support for civil unions this way: "Is it possible to deny due process and equal protection to those people whose personal lifestyle I disagree with?" And then, our meeting over, he goes off to see his new friends at the Open Society Institute, the group funded by George Soros who is, as everybody knows, a billionaire and a liberal.

Find this article at <http://www.newsweek.com/id/232669>

| 31665|2010-01-28 21:25:59|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...we want to avoid hurricanes...."

Yeah, Peter....I am sure they want to avoid them too, but where they are situated....in front of Jamaica,....they are usually hit first when hurricanes do occur. I would think a climatologist working with a couple of other engineers could work on something workable for the area. The US east coast has wind energy, and they get hurricane winds sometimes. I think it is doable, even in Haiti.

And yes, I heard the solar panels were donated also....the giving spirit ain't dead yet, thank goodness. I hope it continues for the next couple of years. Have you or anyone heard about tents being sent? Something durable like hunting tents would be great IMO....but they can keep the FEMA trailers, even though they are more durable than a tent. (They have carcinogens in them, or some other kind of toxins that are not kind to humans.)

Oh well, one thing at a time.....they have fresh food in Port Au Prince, but....no one has money to buy it so.....((shaking my head))...I am trying to figure out what was the point of opening a "store" of sorts where people have to pay for food at this critical time. I must be missing something again.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 12:21 PM

Thanks, Sekhmet.

Actually, though, we want to avoid hurricanes -- their wind speeds are too fierce to be harnessed by wind turbines with today's technology (which operates in the range below about 50 mph). And you're right, Haiti is very prone to hurricanes.

But wouldn't it be great if someone could capture/harness a single bolt of lightning?! One of those could probably power a medium-sized city for days. Haiti also full of sunshine, and BTW I hear that some of the current aid is in the form of solar panels to power water sanitization kits, etc.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 15:44:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...wind turbines.... Any takers?"

Hello Peter,

I am not an engineer but that sounds like an excellent idea. I had to check my map to see where both nations are located....pretty close, but Haiti would get hurricane winds first I think. Perhaps

if they place them firmly embedded in the mountains where the houses were before they fell?  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:01 AM

I'd like to make one constructive comment -- that for a country that spends 70% of its earned foreign exchange serving debt, the most immediate and effective means of stimulating the economy in the short- and long-term, is to reduce its annual oil bill.

Like Haiti, Jamaica also spends about 70% of its foreign exchange earnings serving debt, and is poised to spend \$2.6 billion (with a **B**) importing oil this year. At least they have had the wisdom to endorse the construction of wind farms [9 x 25 megawatt wind turbines are currently in the process of being installed]. So my suggestion is to form some technology coalition to do the same in Haiti. Any takers?

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 09:21:07 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti

Finally, some honest information about Haiti from a talking head with a blog site. Their poverty is not "new" and of course big businesses will exploit the current tragedy setting them back even further once the "quake finally settles". That will, realistically speaking, be months from now....right in time for hurricane season to start if I miss my in-expert climate guess. Rather than send aid to a corrupt organization (and I have no problem with that), some people that can afford to give opt on sending "nothing at all" (((shaking my head))).  
BTW,....Tafari, I got the recent list on who are reputable groups to send money to, I just haven't replied to it yet...thanks.  
Anyhoo, what the Haitians desperately need after medical workers and supplies, are qualified structural engineers to build homes, schools and buildings. Teachers and agronomists or horticultural experts to replace the foliage destroyed to burn for fuel or to build "lean to" houses like in the past. And some genuine political

leaders not more interested in lining their own damn pockets, rather than helping Haitians to re-build their own country to a self-sustaining state. The average citizen poverty level is not "new" and can't be solely the responsibility of another country regardless of what the current talking heads and anti-American rumor mongers are saying...inside and outside Haiti.

My 2 cent opinion only.

Sekhmet

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OPINION | January 21, 2010

### **Op-Ed Columnist: Some Frank Talk About Haiti**

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

On [my blog](#), a woman named Mona pointed to Haitian corruption and declared "I won't send money because I know what will happen to it." Another reader attributed Haiti's poverty to "the low I.Q. of the 9 million people there," and added: "It is all very sad and cannot be fixed."

"Giving money to Haiti and other third-world countries is like throwing it in the toilet," another commenter said. A fourth asserted: "Haiti is a money pit. Dumping billions of dollars into it has proven futile. ... America is deeply in debt, and we can't afford it."

Not everyone is so frank, but the subtext of much of the discussion of Haiti is despair about both Haiti and foreign aid. Pat Robertson, the religious broadcaster, went furthest by suggesting that Haiti's earthquake flowed from a pact with the devil more than two centuries ago. While it's not for a journalist to nitpick a minister's theological credentials, that implication of belated seismic revenge on Haitian children seems defamatory of God.

Americans have also responded with a huge outpouring of assistance, including more than \$22 million raised by the Red Cross from text messages alone. For those with doubts, let's have a frank discussion of Haiti's problems:

Why is Haiti so poor? Is it because Haitians are dimwitted or incapable of getting their act together?

Haiti isn't impoverished because the devil got his due; it's impoverished partly because of debts due. France imposed a huge debt that strangled Haiti. And when foreigners weren't looting Haiti, its own rulers were.

The greatest predation was the deforestation of Haiti, so that only 2 percent of the country is forested today. Some trees have been and continue to be [cut by local peasants](#), but many were destroyed either by foreigners or to pay off bribes to foreigners. Last year, I drove across the island of Hispaniola, and it was surreal: You traverse what in places is a Haitian moonscape until you reach

[border](#) with the Dominican Republic and jungle.

Without trees, Haiti lost its topsoil through erosion, crippling agriculture.

To visit Haiti is to know that its problem isn't its people. They are its treasure smart, industrious and hospitable and Haitians tend to be successful in the United States (and everywhere but in Haiti).

Can our billions in aid to Haitians accomplish anything? After all, a Wall Street Journal column argues, "To help Haiti, end foreign aid."

First, don't exaggerate [how much we give or they get](#).

Haiti ranks 42nd among poor countries in worldwide aid received per person (\$103 in 2008, more than one-quarter of which comes from the United States).

David Roodman of the Center for Global Development calculates that in 2008, official American aid to Haiti amounted to 92 cents per American.

The United States gives more to Haiti than any other country. But it ranks 11th in per capita giving. Canadians give five times as much per person as we do.

As for whether aid promotes economic growth, that's a bitter and unresolved argument. But even the leading critics of aid William Easterly, a New York University economist, and Dambisa Moyo, a banker turned author believe in assisting Haiti after the earthquake.

"I think we have a moral imperative," Ms. Moyo told me. "I do believe the international community should act."

Likewise, Professor Easterly said: "Of course, I am in favor of aid to Haiti earthquake victims!"

So, is Haiti hopeless? Is Bill O'Reilly right? He said: "Once again, we will do more than anyone else on the planet, and one year from today Haiti will be just as bad as it is right now."

No, he's not right. And this is the most pernicious myth of all. In fact, Haiti in recent years has been much better managed under President Ren 預 and has shown signs of being on the mend.

Far more than most other impoverished countries particularly those in Africa Haiti could plausibly turn itself around. It has an excellent geographic location, there are no regional wars, and it could boom if it could just export to the American market.

A [report for the United Nations](#) by a prominent British economist, Paul Collier, outlined the best strategy for Haiti: building garment factories. That idea (sweatshops! ) may sound horrific to Americans. But it's a strategy that has worked for other countries, such as Bangladesh, and Haitians in the slums would tell you that their most fervent wish is for jobs. A few dozen major shirt factories could be transformational for Haiti.

So in the coming months as we help Haitians rebuild, let's dispatch not only aid workers, but also business investors. Haiti desperately needs new schools and hospitals, but also new factories.

And let's challenge the myth that because Haiti has been poor, it always will be. That kind of self-fulfilling fatalism may be the biggest threat of all to Haiti, the real pact with the devil.

I invite you to visit my blog, [On the Ground](#).

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| 31666|2010-01-28 21:27:08|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Sly Stone Living on Welfare!!|  
The entertainment industry has a looonnnnnng history of stealing royalties from stars. This is ALMOST unbelievable in this day of lawyers. -Sekhmet

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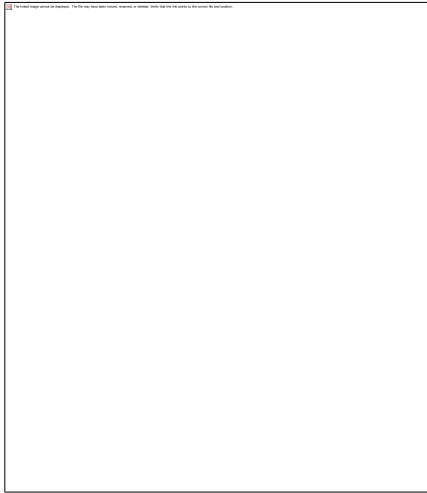


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## Sly Stone sues ex-manager, claiming millions kept

**AP** Associated Press



*APFILE - In this July 14, 2007 file photo, funk music*

*pioneer Sly Stone from the group Sly and the Family*

*45minsago*

LOS ANGELES Sly Stone sued a former business manager and others on Thursday, claiming tens of millions of dollars in royalties were kept from the singer who now depends on Social Security to survive.

Stone, whose real name is Sylvester Stewart, was the frontman of the 1970s funk group Sly and The Family Stone.

He sued former manager Gerald Goldstein and several companies in Los Angeles, alleging they kept 20 years of royalty payments and leveraged Stone's work and rights to accumulate as much as \$80 million in assets.

The complaint said Stone has been homeless at times and is dependent on Social Security. Goldstein paid Stone some money until 2007, when the payments stopped, the lawsuit states.

Stone depended on Goldstein to handle his financial affairs, the suit states.

"Some of these artists are being robbed of their intellectual property and the fruits of their genius by unscrupulous people who prey on their trusting nature and lack of business and legal knowledge," Stone's attorney Robert J. Allan wrote in a statement. Goldstein has produced numerous other artists. Efforts to reach him for comment were unsuccessful.

The lawsuit claims nearly 20 causes of action against Goldstein and other defendants, including allegations of fraud, breach of contract, unjust enrichment and breach of fiduciary duty.

The legal action claims Goldstein, his longtime companion Claire Levine and attorney Glenn Stone set up several companies to divert royalty payments and borrow against Stone's work.

A working phone number could not be located for Levine. A New York number registered to Glenn Stone and Goldstein's Avenue Records has been disconnected. Some of Sly Stone's hits include "Dance to the Music," "Everyday People" and "Family Affair."

The lawsuit offered a candid look at the musician's life since his hit-maker days, including tax troubles, bouts with drug addiction and living in poverty.

The suit is seeking a full accounting of royalties due to Stone, and an accounting of several companies the suit claims Goldstein and others used to divert royalties.

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I had just stepped out with my two dogs to go speed walking in this cold polar blast we are having here in D.C. when Yah put it in my heart to just ring Bro. Steve to see how he is doing & to let him know I am planning either tonight or Friday to see "THE BOOK OF ELI" starring Denzel . My mind moved on thoughts of the many "lessons" Bro. Cokely tried to give to us for preparation of the collapse of America as depicted in THE ROAD & THE BOOK OF ELI and other "post apolyptic" movies. Bro. Cokely voice was very weak. He is back in the hospital. Sadly, this is the third time. Heart Attacks are no joke & nothing to play with!

No lecture, game show, reality TV, or alternative "cooking show" with folks eating maggots, rats, & other vermin // insects could possibly prepare our people for the day that may come to the shores of America sooner than we think or hope away or wish away.

My deepest prayers invoked toYHWHare that somehow this situation on Planet Earth fixes itself and paradise can be realized w/o death, destruction, famine, disease, etc. but I would be kidding myself and Black folks if I did not tell them to be prepared for the worst.

Please give kindly to Bro. Cokely's fund now!

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Peace,

bro. hebrew ben yisrael

| 31668|2010-01-28 21:28:38|sekhmet Johnson|Re: The Curse on Haiti|

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

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## The Curse on Haiti

By: Henry Louis Gates Jr.

Posted: January 25, 2010 at 10:39 AM

It wasn't the devil that hurt Haiti; it was Thomas Jefferson.

According to Pat Robertson, when the Haitian slaves were battling the French for their freedom, they "swore a pact to the devil. They said 'we will serve you if you will get us free from the French' so the devil said 'OK, it's a deal,' and they kicked the French out. The Haitians revolted and got themselves free, but ever since they have been cursed by one thing after the other." In spite of the absurdity of Pat Robertson's claim that the devastating earthquake in Haiti was a sign of God's curse on that peaceful people for some abominable sin their ancestors committed in the late 18th century, there has, in fact, been a pernicious shadow beclouding that nation's horizons since its historic military defeat of its French colonial masters. And the opaque object causing that shadow can be traced directly to the United States.

Robertson, just to be clear, was referring to the fact that the first leader of the Haitian revolutionaries, a man named Boukman, employed Vodou (Anglicized, and broadly misunderstood, as "Voodoo"), to galvanize the slaves into rebelling against their masters in 1791. Vodou is a religion, just as Christianity, Judaism and Islam are religions. Vodou is a New World synthesis of African religions that slaves from the Yoruba people of Nigeria, the Fon people of Dahomey, and the Bakongo from Congo and Angola brought with them on the slave ships, and melded together, over time, in the crucible of slavery. Think of Vodou's relation to Ifa somewhat like the Greek

Orthodox Church's relation to the Roman Catholic Church, and you will begin to understand its origins and evolution.

Christian missionaries, as is their wont, denigrated this religion created by black people by characterizing it, in a binary relationship with Christianity, as "devil worship." (They did the same thing with Ifa and Vodun in Nigeria and Dahomey, by the way, and lots of other religions.) Rev. Robertson is just the most recent example of this ignorant and manipulative tendency; and he should know better.

Actually, Robertson, and many other observers going back to the time of the Haitian Revolution, couldn't bring themselves to believe that the sons and daughters of African slaves could ever possibly defeat a European nation in a war without supernatural intervention, without, in other words, a pact with the devil himself. That is a sign of how profoundly deep the currents of anti-black racism run in Western culture, and bubble up, in the most unexpected places, even today.

If there is a curse on Haiti, we don't have to sully another person's religious beliefs to find it. Perhaps curses, like charity, start at home. And the first two places to search for the source would be the White House and Congress, especially those historically dominated by Dixiecrats. Starting with Thomas Jefferson and continuing in a steady march that only really began to end when President Bill Clinton sent General Colin Powell to broker the deal for the generals to "retire" and restore Haiti's first democratically elected president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a succession of American presidents and Congresses have systematically undermined the independence and integrity of the Haitian Republic. I thought about this ignoble, shameful history as President Obama proclaimed, for one of first times in the history of both republics, that "we stand in solidarity with our neighbors to the south," they "who share our common humanity." It was a noble sentiment, long overdue.

But before we go there, let's be clear about something: It is *not* that Haitian governments have been models of liberty, fraternity and equality; light-skinned privilege has marred the internal stability of Haiti from its very beginnings, just as surely as have repression, greed and the knee-jerk mimicry of some of the very worst aspects of European monarchical feudal societies (first, historically) and laissez-faire capitalism, later, along with various reigns of terror, most notoriously that of the Tonton Macoutes, the product of the tortured mind of Francois "Papa Doc" Duvalier, one of the most sadistic leaders in the history of the hemisphere.

America's ambivalence about a black republic of former slaves in this hemisphere manifested itself at the time the revolt broke out in 1791. St. Domingue (the indigenous people called it "Haiti") was "the pearl of the Antilles;" trade with the island "accounted for a third of France's external commerce," as Donald Hickey argues. "When news of the slave revolt reached the United States," Hickey writes, "the first impulse of the Federalist administration was to aid the white planters." The government, led by George Washington, advanced the French planters \$726,000, sold them arms and ammunition, American merchants sold them food, and some Americans even fought

against the rebels. But "the official government aid, however, came to an end in 1793 when the planter regime in the colony collapses and the blacks established control over most of the island." And in 1798, at Toussaint's request, the Congress even authorized President John Adams to reopen trade with Haiti, a provision embraced by the Federalists, even southerners, and opposed by Republicans. All of that began to change when Thomas Jefferson became president.

Jefferson was terrified that the creation, and flourishing, of a black republic in the New World would serve as a model for the rebellion of America's own slaves; and that, at all costs, would be unacceptable. As early as 1793, Jefferson wrote to James Monroe that "Never was so deep a tragedy presented to the feelings of man I become daily more and more convinced that all the West India Island will remain in the hands of the people of colour, and a total expulsion of the whites sooner or later take place. It is high time we should foresee the bloody scenes which our children certainly, and possibly ourselves (south of the Potomac), have to wade through and try to avert them." Two years later, in a letter to Aaron Burr, Jefferson compared the Haitians to assassins and referred to them as "Cannibals of the terrible republic."

Jefferson feared that a successful Haitian revolution would threaten the stability of slavery: "If something is not done, and done soon, we shall be the murderers of our own children." By 1802, Jefferson's worst fears had come true: the "course of things in the neighboring islands of the West Indies," he wrote to Rufus King in July, "appears to have given considerable impulse to the minds of the slaves. a great disposition to insurgency has manifested itself among them."

Despite his abhorrence of even the idea of a black republic, Jefferson cleverly used the war to America's advantage. When Napoleon sent his brother-in-law, Charles Leclerc, to suppress the rebels in 1802, Jefferson adopted an official neutral policy, which enabled U.S. support to go to Toussaint. American public opinion turned against French brutality; Jefferson threatened an alliance with the English if the French occupied New Orleans.

Jefferson hoped that Toussaint would prevent the French from expanding into Louisiana. After the French treacherously captured Toussaint in 1802 and imprisoned him in exile in France (where he died a year later, perhaps of poisoning), he predicted a war of extermination: "Some other black leader will rise," he said, "and a war of extermination will ensue: for no second capitulation will ever be trusted by the blacks." He then sent James Monroe to France to negotiate for the purchase of New Orleans. Jefferson realized that "St. Domingo delays their taking possession of Louisiana and they are in the last distress for money," so he struck, making the largest land acquisition in American history, the Louisiana Purchase. It was a brilliant move, but at the expense of Haiti. Finally, after a devastating war for emancipation and independence that lasted between 1791 and 1803, Haiti declared its independence in 1804, on the very spot where Toussaint had been captured by the French. As W.E.B. Du Bois, himself of Haitian descent, put it, "The effect of all of this was far-reaching. Napoleon gave up his dream of American empire and sold Louisiana for a song," thus transforming the shape

and destiny of America forever.

By 1804, Jefferson told John Quincy Adams that he was determined to end trade with Haiti. Having helped the Haitians gain their freedom, he then sought to strangle the new-born nation. He sought to quarantine the island and opposed official trade because that would mean recognizing its independence. And that could inspire slave insurrections throughout the American South. The embargo on Haiti remained in force until the spring of 1810; trade fell from \$6.7 million in 1806 to \$1.5 million in 1808. Non-recognition of the republic remained official American policy until 1862.

Abraham Lincoln signed the bill to recognize Haiti, at long last (and Liberia, too, by the way) in June 1862. The bill passed both houses of Congress only after long and heated debate. James Redpath, the head of the Haitian emigration bureau and an abolitionist, had pressed Massachusetts statesman Charles Sumner to introduce this legislation, for one reason: to encourage the emigration of freed slaves and free blacks to both countries, which remained a dream of Lincoln's even a month before he signed the Emancipation Proclamation.

The American occupation of Haiti lasted between July 28, 1915, and August 15, 1934. As James Weldon Johnson concluded as early as 1920, "If the United States should leave Haiti today, it would leave more than a thousand widows and orphans of its own making, more banditry than has existed for a century, resentment, hatred and despair in the heart of a whole people, to say nothing of the irreparable injury to its own tradition as the defender of the rights of man." As W.E.B. Du Bois, ever the speaker of truth to power, put it in a debate over American foreign policy 1930, the United States invaded Haiti to protect the financial interests of the National City Bank. The audience demanded that he be "thrown out."

The curse on Haiti has a long history, one in which our country has been inextricably and inexcusably involved. We can only hope that this devastating crisis will allow us to begin to make amends for our role in policies that have severely hampered the development of democratic institutions and a free market economy, just as Thomas Jefferson hoped.

*Henry Louis Gates Jr. is editor-in-chief of **The Root**.*

| 31669|2010-01-29 06:44:07|Peter Gray|Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

Wind power is certainly feasible in many parts of the island, and it would take just a couple of techies to install a single turbine. But continued food aid (and bottled water), as well as the tents you mention, are still much needed. Re-establishing the daily market system (shopping for groceries, etc.) will, admittedly, take a little time. FEMA trucks are probably as good as anything else the victims are likely to find for accommodation, so I'm all for it.

Peter

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Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 16:22:26 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...we want to avoid hurricanes.. .."

Yeah, Peter....I am sure they want to avoid them too, but where they are situated.... in front of Jamaica,.... they are usually hit first when hurricanes do occur. I would think a climatologist working with a couple of otherengineers could work on something workable for the area. The US east coast has wind energy, and they get hurricane winds sometimes. I think it is doable, even in Haiti.

And yes, I heard the solar panels were donated also....the giving spirit ain't dead yet, thank goodness. I hope it continues for the next couple of years. Have you or anyone heard about tents being sent? Something durable like hunting tents would be great IMO....but they can keep the FEMA trailers, even though they are more durable than a tent. (They have carcinogens in them, or some other kind of toxins that are not kind to humans.)

Oh well, one thing at a time.....they have fresh food in Port Au Prince, but....no one has money to buy it so.....((shaking my head))...I am trying to figure out what was the point of opening a "store" of sorts where people have to pay for food at this critical time. I must be missing something again.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 12:21 PM

Thanks, Sekhmet.

Actually, though, we want to avod hurricanes -- their wind speeds are too fierce to be harnessed by wind turbines with today's technology (which operates in the range below about 50 mph). And you're right, Haiti is very prone to hurricanes.

But wouldn't it great if someone could capture/harness a single bolt of lightning?!! One of those could probably power a medium-sized city for days. Haiti also full of sunshine, and BTW I hear that some of the current aid is in the form of solar panels to power water sanitization kits, etc.

Peter

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Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...wind turbines.... Any takers?"

Hello Peter,

I am not an engineer but that sounds like an excellent idea. I had to check my map to see v both nations are located....pretty close, but Haiti would get hurricane winds first I think. Pe if they place them firmly embedded in the mountains where the houses were before they fi Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:01 AM

I'd like to make one contructive comment -- that fora countrythat spends 70% ofits earned foreign exchange serving debt, the most immediate and effective means of stimulating the economy in the short- and long-term, is to reduce its annual oil bill.

Like Haiti, Jamaica also spends about 70% of its foreign exchange earnings serving debt, and is poised to spend \$2.6 billion (with a **B**) importing oil this year. At least they have had the wisdom to endorse the construction of wind farms [9 x 25 megawatt wind turbines are currently in the process of being installed]. So my suggestion is toform some technology coalition to do the same in Haiti. Any takers?

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti

Finally, some honest information about Haitifrom a talking head with a blog site. T is not "new" and of course big businesses will exploit the current tragedy setting th further once the "quake finally settles". That will, realistically speaking, be months



now....right in time for hurricane season to start if I miss my in-expert climate guess. Rather than send aide to a corrupt organization (and I have no problem with that), some people that can afford to give opt on sending "nothing at all" (((shaking my head))).

BTW,....Tafari, I got the recent list on who are reputable groups to send money to, I just haven't replied to it yet...thanks.

Anyhoo, what the Haitians desperately need after medical workers and supplies, are qualified structural engineers to build homes, schools and buildings. Teachers and agrinomists or horticultural experts to replace the foliage destroyed to burn for fuel or to build "lean to" houses like in the past. And some genuine political leaders not more interested in lining their own damn pockets, rather than helping Haitians to re-build their own country to a self-sustaining state. The average citizen poverty level is not "new" and can't be solely the responsibility of another country regardless of what the current talking heads and anti-American rumor mongers are saying...inside and outside Haiti.

My 2 cent opinion only.

Sekhmet

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### **Op-Ed Columnist: Some Frank Talk About Haiti**

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

On [my blog](#), a woman named Mona pointed to Haitian corruption and declared: "I won't send money because I know what will happen to it." Another reader attributed Haiti's poverty to "the low I.Q. of the 9 million people there," and added: "It is all very sad and cannot be fixed."

"Giving money to Haiti and other third-world countries is like throwing money in the toilet," another commenter said. A fourth asserted: "Haiti is a money pit. Dumping billions of dollars into it has proven futile. ... America is deeply in debt, and we can't afford it."

Not everyone is so frank, but the subtext of much of the discussion of Haiti is despair about both Haiti and foreign aid. Pat Robertson, the religious broadcaster, went furthest by suggesting that Haiti's earthquake flowed from a pact with the devil more than two centuries ago. While it's not for a journalist to nitpick a minister's theological credentials, that implication of belated seismic revenge on Haitian children seems defamatory of God.

Americans have also responded with a huge outpouring of assistance, including more than \$22 million raised by the Red Cross from text messages alone. But for those with doubts, let's have a frank discussion of Haiti's problems:

Why is Haiti so poor? Is it because Haitians are dimwitted or incapable of getting their act together?

Haiti isn't impoverished because the devil got his due; it's impoverished partly because of debts due. France imposed a huge debt that strangled Haiti. And when foreigners weren't looting Haiti, its own rulers were.

The greatest predation was the deforestation of Haiti, so that only 2 percent of the country is forested today. Some trees have been and continue to be [cut by local peasants](#), but many were destroyed either by foreigners or to pay off debts to foreigners. Last year, I drove across the island of Hispaniola, and it was surreal: You traverse what in places is a Haitian moonscape until you reach [the border](#) with the Dominican Republic and jungle.

Without trees, Haiti lost its topsoil through erosion, crippling agriculture.

To visit Haiti is to know that its problem isn't its people. They are its treasure smart, industrious and hospitable and Haitians tend to be successful in the United States (and everywhere but in Haiti).

Can our billions in aid to Haitians accomplish anything? After all, a Wall Street Journal column argues, "To help Haiti, end foreign aid."

First, don't exaggerate [how much we give or they get](#).

Haiti ranks 42nd among poor countries in worldwide aid received per person (\$103 in 2008, more than one-quarter of which comes from the United States). David Roodman of the Center for Global Development calculates that in 2008, official American aid to Haiti amounted to 92 cents per American.

The United States gives more to Haiti than any other country. But it ranks 11th in per capita giving. Canadians give five times as much per person as we do.

As for whether aid promotes economic growth, that's a bitter and unresolved argument. But even the leading critics of aid William Easterly, a New York University economist, and Dambisa Moyo, a banker turned author believe in assisting Haiti after the earthquake.

"I think we have a moral imperative," Ms. Moyo told me. "I do believe the international community should act."

Likewise, Professor Easterly said: "Of course, I am in favor of aid to Haiti earthquake victims!"

So, is Haiti hopeless? Is Bill O'Reilly right? He said: "Once again, we will do more than anyone else on the planet, and one year from today Haiti will be just as bad as it is right now."

No, he's not right. And this is the most pernicious myth of all. In fact, Haiti in recent years has been much better managed under President René Préval and has shown signs of being on the mend.

Far more than most other impoverished countries particularly those in Africa Haiti could plausibly turn itself around. It has an excellent geographic location, there are no regional wars, and it could boom if it could just export to the American market.

A [report for the United Nations](#) by a prominent British economist, Paul Collier, outlined the best strategy for Haiti: building garment factories. That idea (sweatshops! ) may sound horrific to Americans. But it's a strategy that has worked for other countries, such as Bangladesh, and Haitians in the slums would tell you that their most fervent wish is for jobs. A few dozen major shirt factories could be transformational for Haiti.

So in the coming months as we help Haitians rebuild, let's dispatch not only aid workers, but also business investors. Haiti desperately needs new schools and hospitals, but also new factories.

And let's challenge the myth that because Haiti has been poor, it always will be. That kind of self-fulfilling fatalism may be the biggest threat of all to Haiti, the real pact with the devil.

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| 31671|2010-01-30 09:10:32|Alex van Deelen|Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

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There are elitist forces at work that first need to be dealt with, before Haiti or any other South or Central American country can develop.

Alex

| 31672|2010-01-30 09:30:24|Alex van Deelen|Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?|  
Here are the people who were instated by the US/CIA backed coup:

Police Chief and drug trafficker Guy Philippe  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy\\_Philippe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy_Philippe)

Head of the death squads (also known as 'gangs of armed men') Louis-Jodel Chamblain:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis-Jodel\\_Chamblain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis-Jodel_Chamblain)

| 31673|2010-01-30 09:31:51|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?|

Most definitely! They do not want us to unite and realize that "THEY" are the real enemies so they keep racist thoughts in the heads of the populace while they rob, destroy and kill us.

--- On Sat, 1/30/10, Alex van Deelen wrote:

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Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?  
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| 31674|2010-01-30 09:55:22|Tafari khumbaka|a modern western yoga???

**[When Chakras and Chocolate Collide](#)**

Source: [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

NEW YORK, January, 2010: 30 people signed up for a strange new hybrid of vigorous yoga, followed by a multicourse dinner of pasta, wine and chocolate, served on the yoga room floor. This almost seamless transition was designed to allow yogis to taste, smell and digest in a heightened state of awareness.

Friday's event at Exhale Spa was the first in a series of "Yoga for Foodies" sessions devised by yoga teacher, David Romanelli, and coming soon to restaurants in Chicago, Cleveland and Dallas. Calling his mission "Yoga for Everyman", Romanelli says "it's a way of getting people in the door. The world is a better place if people do yoga. If they come because chocolate or wine is involved, I'm fine with it."

The past decade has produced thousands of new foodies and new yogis. In 2007, a combination yoga studio and fine dining restaurant, Ubuntu, opened in Napa California. Yoga retreat centers now offer gourmet cooking classes and wine tastings.

But not everyone agrees that lusty enjoyment of food and wine is compatible with yogic enlightenment. "The culture of judgement in the yoga community is rampant, and nowhere more than around food. Nowhere is it written that only vegetarians can do yoga." said yoga teacher Sadie Nardini.

There are many ways to "do" yoga: the term embraces meditation, worship, study, action, and physical movement. Yoga has many schools, like Ashtanga, Iyengar and Tantra, but has always been broadly understood as a route to enlightenment and purification - which is where consuming bacon and wine in yoga class becomes complicated. "People are starting to push back against the traditional, serious approach," said Romanelli.

[HPI note: Hindu tradition and ayurveda hold that tamasic foods, such as chocolate and -- much more so -- the flesh of dead animals, will keep the person away from higher states of mind, which are the goal of yoga.]

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In the ancient Old black system of yoga from India/hindiga the ancient blacks had times in the calender dedicated to a rite called puja,....

The puja was a time of expression dedicated to enlivening the pyscho-sexual capabilities of initiates for the purpose of enlivening the person to the goals and intentions of the village/or city-state and bringing the sociable qualities of god by way of bhodisattvas's dedicated to mending broken relationships, and infusing joy into the people and fauna of their lives and land.

The article sent seems to me another outright wateringdown and plagirism of ancient Black indegenous religion/lifeway by europeans/americans and their wanna be white cousin the indoeuropean/hindu.



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

| 31675|2010-01-30 09:55:28|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?|

"...Re-establishing the daily market system...."



Sorry Peter, I disagree. It is too soon to expect those people to have money to go grocery shopping at this time. They had "food riots" before the quake, quiet as it is kept....so this sounds/looks like a prelude to some violence since young people ...specifically, young men...are not going to starve with food available. I don't know where this is available in Haiti, I mean what part of the country it is being made available, but some rural areas are still waiting for free donated foods as of yesterday. Shipments are still having problems because the roads are messed up from the quake....and people are still mentally traumatized and getting some really big aftershocks that is keeping them on edge. I am not running things, but a "market" in the midst of all that doesn't sound like a good idea to me at this time...but I am not in Haiti, maybe I am missing some relevant details about this new "market" thing.

The rest of your post, except the FEMA trailers IMO, I can concur with.

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 8:43 AM

Wind power is certainly feasible in many parts of the island, and it would take just a couple of techies to install a single turbine. But continued food aid (and bottled water), as well as the tents you mention, are still much needed. Re-establishing the daily market system (shopping for groceries, etc.) will, admittedly take a little time. FEMA trucks are probably as good as anything else the victims are likely to find for accommodation, so I'm all for it.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 16:22:26 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...we want to avoid hurricanes.. .."

Yeah, Peter....I am sure they want to avoid them too, but where they are situated.... in front of Jamaica,.... they are usually hit first when hurricanes do occur. I would think a climatologist working with a couple of other engineers could work on something workable for the area. The US east coast has wind energy, and they get hurricane winds sometimes. I think it is doable, even in Haiti.

And yes, I heard the solar panels were donated also....the giving spirit ain't dead yet, thank goodness. I hope it continues for the next couple of years. Have you or anyone heard about tents being sent? Something durable like hunting tents would be great IMO....but they can keep the FEMA trailers, even though they are more durable than a tent. (They have carcinogens in them, or some other kind of toxins that are not kind to humans.)

Oh well, one thing at a time.....they have fresh food in Port Au Prince, but....no one has money to buy it so.....((shaking my head))...I am trying to figure out what was the point of opening a "store" of sorts where people have to pay for food at this critical time. I must be missing something again.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 12:21 PM

Thanks, Sekhmet.

Actually, though, we want to avoid hurricanes -- their wind speeds are too fierce to be harnessed by wind turbines with today's technology (which operates in the range below about 50 mph). And you're right, Haiti is very prone to hurricanes.

But wouldn't it be great if someone could capture/harness a single bolt of lightning?!! One of those could probably power a medium-sized city for days. Haiti also full of sunshine, and BTW I hear that some of the current aid is in the form of solar panels to power water sanitization kits, etc.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 15:44:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...wind turbines.... Any takers?"

Hello Peter,

I am not an engineer but that sounds like an excellent idea. I had to check my map to see if both nations are located....pretty close, but Haiti would get hurricane winds first I think. Perhaps if they place them firmly embedded in the mountains where the houses were before they fell.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:01 AM

I'd like to make one constructive comment -- that for a country that spends 70% of its earned foreign exchange serving debt, the most immediate and effective means of stimulating the economy in the short- and long-term, is to reduce its annual oil bill.

Like Haiti, Jamaica also spends about 70% of its foreign exchange earnings serving debt, and is poised to spend \$2.6 billion (with a **B**) importing oil this year. At least they have had the wisdom to endorse the construction of wind farms [9 x 25 megawatt wind turbines are currently in the process of being installed]. So my suggestion is to form some technology coalition to do the same in Haiti. Any takers?

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 09:21:07 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti

Finally, some honest information about Haiti from a talking head with a blog site. Their poverty is not "new" and of course big businesses will exploit the current tragedy setting them back even further once the "quake finally settles". That will, realistically speaking, be months from now....right in time for hurricane season to start if I miss my in-expert climate guess. Rather than send aid to a corrupt organization (and I have no problem with that), some people that can afford to give opt on sending "nothing at all" (((shaking my head))).

BTW,....Tafari, I got the recent list on who are reputable groups to send money to, I just haven't replied to it yet...thanks.

Anyhoo, what the Haitians desperately need after medical workers and supplies, are qualified structural engineers to build homes, schools and buildings. Teachers and agronomists or horticultural experts to replace the foliage destroyed to burn for fuel or to build "lean to" houses like in the past. And some genuine political leaders not more interested in lining their own damn pockets, rather than helping

Haitians to re-build their own country to a self-sustaining state. The average citizen poverty level is not "new" and can't be solely the responsibility of another country regardless of what the current talking heads and anti-American rumor mongers are saying...inside and outside Haiti.

My 2 cent opinion only.

Sekhmet

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### **Op-Ed Columnist: Some Frank Talk About Haiti**

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

On [my blog](#), a woman named Mona pointed to Haitian corruption and declared "I won't send money because I know what will happen to it." Another reader attributed Haiti's poverty to "the low I.Q. of the 9 million people there," and added: "It is all very sad and cannot be fixed."

"Giving money to Haiti and other third-world countries is like throwing it in the toilet," another commenter said. A fourth asserted: "Haiti is a money dump. Dumping billions of dollars into it has proven futile. ... America is deeply in debt, and we can't afford it."

Not everyone is so frank, but the subtext of much of the discussion of Haiti is despair about both Haiti and foreign aid. Pat Robertson, the religious broadcaster, went furthest by suggesting that Haiti's earthquake flowed from a pact with the devil more than two centuries ago. While it's not for a journalist to nitpick a minister's theological credentials, that implication of belated seismic revenge on Haitian children seems defamatory of God.

Americans have also responded with a huge outpouring of assistance, including more than \$22 million raised by the Red Cross from text messages alone. For those with doubts, let's have a frank discussion of Haiti's problems:

Why is Haiti so poor? Is it because Haitians are dimwitted or incapable of getting their act together?

Haiti isn't impoverished because the devil got his due; it's impoverished because of debts due. France imposed a huge debt that strangled Haiti. And when foreigners weren't looting Haiti, its own rulers were.

The greatest predation was the deforestation of Haiti, so that only 2 percent of the country is forested today. Some trees have been and continue to be [cut by local peasants](#), but many were destroyed either by foreigners or to pay off to foreigners. Last year, I drove across the island of Hispaniola, and it was surreal: You traverse what in places is a Haitian moonscape until you reach

[border](#) with the Dominican Republic and jungle.

Without trees, Haiti lost its topsoil through erosion, crippling agriculture.

To visit Haiti is to know that its problem isn't its people. They are its treasure smart, industrious and hospitable and Haitians tend to be successful in the United States (and everywhere but in Haiti).

Can our billions in aid to Haitians accomplish anything? After all, a Wall Street Journal column argues, "To help Haiti, end foreign aid."

First, don't exaggerate [how much we give or they get](#).

Haiti ranks 42nd among poor countries in worldwide aid received per person (\$103 in 2008, more than one-quarter of which comes from the United States).

David Roodman of the Center for Global Development calculates that in 2008, official American aid to Haiti amounted to 92 cents per American.

The United States gives more to Haiti than any other country. But it ranks 11th in per capita giving. Canadians give five times as much per person as we do.

As for whether aid promotes economic growth, that's a bitter and unresolved argument. But even the leading critics of aid William Easterly, a New York University economist, and Dambisa Moyo, a banker turned author believe in assisting Haiti after the earthquake.

"I think we have a moral imperative," Ms. Moyo told me. "I do believe the international community should act."

Likewise, Professor Easterly said: "Of course, I am in favor of aid to Haiti earthquake victims!"

So, is Haiti hopeless? Is Bill O'Reilly right? He said: "Once again, we will do more than anyone else on the planet, and one year from today Haiti will be just as bad as it is right now."

No, he's not right. And this is the most pernicious myth of all. In fact, Haiti in recent years has been much better managed under President René Préval and has shown signs of being on the mend.

Far more than most other impoverished countries particularly those in Africa Haiti could plausibly turn itself around. It has an excellent geographic location, there are no regional wars, and it could boom if it could just export to the American market.

A [report for the United Nations](#) by a prominent British economist, Paul Collier, outlined the best strategy for Haiti: building garment factories. That idea (sweatshops!) may sound horrific to Americans. But it's a strategy that has worked for other countries, such as Bangladesh, and Haitians in the slums would tell you that their most fervent wish is for jobs. A few dozen major shirt factories could be transformational for Haiti.

So in the coming months as we help Haitians rebuild, let's dispatch not only aid workers, but also business investors. Haiti desperately needs new schools and hospitals, but also new factories.

And let's challenge the myth that because Haiti has been poor, it always will be. That kind of self-fulfilling fatalism may be the biggest threat of all to Haiti, the real pact with the devil.

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### A selection of things from the set



(By the way, if the set link doesn't work, try copying and pasting it from this email into your browser's address bar.)

Flickr is almost certainly the best photo management and sharing application in the world. If you'd like to see what I use it for you can check out [my profile](#) page or browse [my photostream](#).

| 31677|2010-01-30 09:56:32|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Voodoo is who "we" are?|

"Must we give up who we are...."

Hello Tafari,

if you mean the descendants of the Black Diaspora....that is the "plan"....to become assimilated body and soul into Western or Eastern, patriarchal religions. At least from my perspective, and that would include receiving "charity" from a religious perspective that is.

This is an interesting site, thanks for the link. I was under the impression that Vodoun was mainly in South Carolina as a historical base for black Americans, Santeria was mainly in Florida and California. I guess I was mistaken.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Voodoo is who "we" are?

To: maatcollective@yahoogroups.com

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 4:56 PM

Must we give up who we are to receive christian and western secular charity?

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Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

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From: AUSAR65@aol.com

Subject: Check out YouTube - Pharoah Sanders - The Creator has a Master Plan

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From: FORKSYROADS@aol.com

Subject: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: forksyroads@aol.com

Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 3:36 PM

Thursday, January 28, 2010 6:58 PM

From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: Zili

I have not had internet access until now.....I am an american living in Haiti for over 20 years and established Trees for Life Haiti. see treesforlife. org. I had my computer with me to write what I am sending. I want to thank everyone on your site for the information and motivation to change the way life is here. Mother Earth has broken the system and it is time for a new system and a new way of living in this beautiful country with its amazing



and beautiful people.

GS - Haiti earthquake survivor and witness  
Trees for Life Haiti

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Today is the 3rd day after the earthquake in Haiti and I am in my tent on Boutillier. I am from the US and lived in California for many years thru a few low point quakes and tremors. I am used to the kind of response that I would experience in the US after such a great disaster, but today in Haiti it is both heartbreaking and heartwarming to see the reaction of the people who have never been thru any kind of disaster on this level and most do not understand what has happened. Where I am and where I have seen in parts of Petionville Delmas and listening to others who have been in other part of this city and the country. NO RESPONSE for 3 days. No police vehicles, no Red Cross, no NGO's no Minustah. No one on the streets to offer any help or direction. Only the radio announcers telling everyone to stay outside. Thousands have slept in the parks in Petionville with the stench of dead bodies. Some have no damage to homes but are told to sleep outside and breath the contaminated air.

It is almost 4pm and the Americans have just secured the airport. The first response we hear on the radio is to put toothpaste under our noses while they spray "something" in the air for the smell and rotting of dead bodies that have been laying in the streets for 3 days. What are they going to spray us with???? "something" is all the Haitians are told. Something will be sprayed soon and what will it do to the survivors and all those still sleeping and living outside? The country is now in control of the US Marines or whatever entity which has announced the "takeover of Haiti, Food and water is not entering by the airport but diverted to the D R and trucked in. I guess this is as close to a "rapid response" for the people who are out of food and water today.

Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

On Boutillier 7 people died in a church that collapsed. Walls built around the big mansions collapsed and houses built close to the Laboulle sand quarry buried. Many people lost homes and family. This morning the only boutique having 5 gallon water were purged by the rich families. The boutique had 9 gallons 5 and were being all purchased by one rich person til I ask her please to leave 3 bottles for others to buy. I could only buy one bottle for 11 people who are sleeping next to our tent and are part of my husbands family. I see no caring or concern for the poor people who are tramitized and very scared that another quake will happen and more loss and injuries.

CNN reported after the quake the following morning that help had already arrived. We can see the airport and we drove the streets in the afternoon and we saw no help. Today around 2pm we drove by the airport seeing no response or help in any of the areas we drove.

One thing that is amazing to me is that there is very little looting or damage by people to property and everyone is staying together and taking some actions like clearing the rubble and taking bodies to the Morgue. The destruction is massive in some areas of the city but in the upper part where people are basically just in shock and looking for food and water, a response is manageable and could save lives.

I don't know if we will have water or food tomorrow or the next day. I cannot reach anyone by my Digicel phone but I have heard that we can get help sometime soon but

not how or when.

The window of opportunity has opened for a great takeover and we shall see how the Americans and the foreign response value the lives of the survivors. I am an American living in Haiti for many years. We established trees for Life Haiti and have been planting trees and teaching agro techniwue and increase of food production in the rural areas. I have visited 42 localities over the years and what we do goes against the international agenda. We are not an NGO nor are we registered with the government. We have very little funding but we do what we can to teach others to care and respect our Great Mother Earth. She has made Her great Power known to this country and I hope and pray that this great tragedy will finally change the way Haitians and the powers that be have destroyed her for survival and greed. Haitian cannot continue to rape this country of trees and natural resources if they wish to survive this next generation.

Today is the 11th day since the quake and I finally received a money transfer from Trees for Life for food and gas and we are able to give food to 16 people. We drove to Petionville and saw some bags of rice in the areas where people are camping in the park. NO ONE who lives in small home will sleep inside. We have had two tremors today and people are still traumatized and very afraid. A young girl with an injured and bleeding foot ask for money. She was alone and very disoriented. We see the outside markets are now selling their goods and food but very few are buying for lack of money. My friend who has a small market with a Western Union station says he has no business but maybe 200 people waiting to receive transfers. These people are lucky to have loved ones to send money. Millions do not have outside support of any kind and must depend on relief aid, which I have not seen in this part of city. We see very few cars in the streets and we did not see any official cars or aid workers or response teams or police.

I was told by a friend today who witnessed the mob justice of an armed robber. He was arrested by two police and then turned over to the crowd. They beat him and then burned him til nothing was left but his bones. I have heard a few accounts of police shooting innocent people, including a 15 year old girl who was in a market. The UN trained and armed police seem to have never heard of human rights or been trained to handle any kind of disaster situation. But they do know how to shoot their new guns and proudly wear their uniforms.

I visited the offices of a magazine that is hosting some French journalists but I felt no desire to speak to anyone. I do know some of what is really happening here is being reported but I suspect that countries like France, the US and European Union would not want it reported how unorganized and inhumane the rescue and response has been.or not been. There will be the standard excuses and much talk from government officials as to the lack of infrastructure and the fear of violence while more suffer from lack of medical care and food. I still wonder how all these millions of dollars pledged to this country will be used and who will be spending it and where. Haiti does not need any more vultures to pick at the bones of the poor, Haiti needs sincere benevolent assistance with no hidden agenda of opportunist greed.

I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are

the only people who will use our truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. Her body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law's body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personnel on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

She also told me that she passed the parks in Petionville today and they were finally trying to distribute food but the crowds were unmanageable. A friend who lives in Petionville said the organization giving out food is a private one and not part of the International team for assistance. He said they have been giving food to the people camping in the park for a few days but there is no organized system and fighting for food is happening now.

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Today is the 13th day after the quake and we still felt two slight tremors. Some people I know with no damage to their homes are returning. Some friends came up to visit today and have no home any longer. We talked about how this is a great tragedy but the system must and will change because we are now witnessing the total inept way the government is not giving the help to the people.

I live in a house in Vivy Michel with my friend Neil and his family. He came to see us today on the mountain and he is the first person I have talked to who was downtown and at the General Hospital the night of the earthquake. His wife's aunt was leg injured and in downtown and was taken to GH by family. So he had to spend the night outside the

hospital waiting for her to get treated. What he then told me was very gruesome but I feel like people have to know how the Haitian government Hospital doctors treated these disaster victims. My friend told me he saw so many people coming to the hospital and these are the very poor and also in the area of the greatest devastation so I will say the doctors were totally unprepared and overwhelmed. Most of the victims had severe limb damage or had lost an arm, leg or hand and were carrying their severed limbs in some hope they could be re attached. But the most horrific scene he describes is that the doctors started amputating damaged and gangrene limbs of these people every 15 minutes or so with NO anesthesia and then gave the patients a prescription and sends them away with family or friends if they have any with them. The ones that don't are laid in the corridors or even outside the hospital on the ground to recover. The scene is so surreal that he describes to me and I just cover my mouth and can't speak.

I just cannot imagine that this is a government that the UN insists should be in charge and given support to take care of its citizens when it has been so inept for so many years. It was this government that allowed the poor people to build unsafe structures on mountainsides surrounding the city.

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Today is the 14th day after the quake and I finally could reach a few friends when the circuits are not busy. I will probably have to go visit one of the nicer people living in the big houses here who has kindly said I could use his internet.

I received another transfer today from my daughter. She was able to raise \$130 from her co workers and today we needed to replenish our food. I am so thankful for anyone who sends help. However, the dollar exchange is dropping everyday and we are paying higher prices for everything. We are still able to give food to 20 people today.

We still do not see anyone on the mountain except the teams coming to install new communication systems for the recovery effort. I met two very nice men from the U.S . sent by FEMA and who are part of this team. I ask them is there was any help they saw reaching anyone in the city and they said no. They told me the UN, the US, England and France are fighting with the Haitian government for control of distribution. One man also was in Indonesia and Katrina and said he saw the same slow response after these disasters. You would think at least we would see Red Cross teams or medical teams, or tents and ways to have some shelter and food. He said only a few private groups and local churches are giving food but the crowds are huge and hungry. He recommended I did not leave the mountain or go past Petionville even to ask for help. Then he offered me two army ration meals which we tried but only ate the deserts. Sorry I sound ungrateful but I am not in the military nor am I any where near being hungry enough to eat the salty mushy, plastic, beef stew ,yet. It was a nice gesture though even though he did make sure to ask the members of the team if they were going to eat their rations before he offered.

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It is now two weeks past the event that has shaken this country and I hope it has shaken the world to witness how a country so close the Washington D.C. and with so many relatives of Americans living here can be made to suffer because the "powers" that control the goods and money sent cannot agree on how it should be done.

Oh yeah, we heard from a friend of ours whose brother was eligible to return to the states on the plan offered to any Haitian with citizenship in the States who can receive one family member from Haiti. Our friend's brother wants to come back because his family in the states does not cook Haitian food and he doesn't like the American food. Imagine that

God Bless us.

\*" Haitians, as a people, struggle to transform this below, knowing no matter the misery, loss and suffering in time, that out of time, Nan Ginen, our safety lies - lives- wholly unformed by any storylines, (even our own), since before this 'New World's' time began." (Excerpt from Bwa Kayiman, 2007 and the case of Lovinsky Pierre Antoine.) In addition, power concedes nothing, unless it has to, and the Haitian experience with the "Mulatto" Oligarchs also reveals that the Mulatto's definition of liberty and freedom differs from that of the African-Haitian masses. Ultimately, social stratification, oppressive laws, injustice, profit-over- people rulers, organized exclusion of the masses, the impunity of the economic elite, structural elitism, the monstrosities of US/Euro ethno-centricism, (racism, Nazism, financial colonialism, neo-colonialism, ethnic cleansing, forced assimilation) and deliberate containment- in-poverty won't be eradicated unless profit-over- people VALUES are changed."

Quote: Ezili Dant □>

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I received a phone call today from a missionary in O'kay in the south and she told me someone from her church was trying to contact me. She told me that they are getting help from other missions and that planes were landing there with relief. She said the number of "refugees" meaning those Haitians that were from there are returning to their families but the number is so great and their families don't have anything either.

I heard the plan announced on the radio, and this is a government response, that there are specific stations that will bus people back to their home province with 500gds(\$15.00) and some food. That amount of money will buy food for 4 people for one or two days. There are now some clinics and temporary medical facilities to treat people. And the Red Cross is mentioned, too. It appears the government is trying to get as many people to leave the city.

We have not heard that that the tons of goods that have been flown into the International airport are being distributed yet. Mostly local organizations are giving some help but the international teams are not presently organized or giving help as of today. The government response is slow and incredibly ineffective. There is still a good supply of goods and food in the markets in our area but people have no money to purchase.

I have friends who are giving help on their own anyway they can. One college student I know is organizing a way to get clothes to some of the people living in the parks in Petionville. So many Haitians I know are helping everywhere with frustration because of such a lack of organized ways of delivery of relief. People are calling me to find out how they can volunteer or get some kind of jobs with the relief teams but there is no central location for these teams, yet or any information given on the radio.

We have heard that an area called Leogone is 90% destroyed and no help there yet.

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We are very lucky to have a big cistern for our use for water to wash etc, but no free drinking water or food has arrived on Boutillier as of today

My brother just called me and said that Trees for Life has just wired a substantial donation to our account and we will be able to help many others now Thank you God and thank you to the generous donor.

We just spoke to the local authority for the area damaged on Boutillier and he gave a list of families we will be helping.

Today is the 16th day after the earthquake and we are listening to the radio of people being interviewed by local journalists still crying for food and water. The slums are reporting that they have received food from some local agencies but now they have no water. Jacmel people are demonstrating today because they have received no help, yet. Jacmel is about 3 hours drive from PAP. If the roads are not passable, we see many helicopters that could drop supplies but we have heard that the UN has blocked the Americans from doing this. Fritz's nephew told me he went downtown yesterday and did not see so many people as many have been evacuated but he said the smell was so bad he could not be there long.

My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand. My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and irridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning..basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no". God Bless us.

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Today is the 16th day since the earthquake and I have a list of all the people living in the different zones on Boutillier mountain. I know a man living in the big houses who has a business and came to tell me I could go with him tomorrow to the UN compound next to the airport and request assistance for food, water and tents in the name of Trees for Life Haiti. Since we have an organization we were told this is the only way that help is reaching people so we will go thru the disaster zones and get some help up here. I have dispersed a few funds to some very needy and homeless people so far but the need is so great that we must get some aid relief up here. Since I have the official paperwork for the projects we were to implement before the quake it should make it easier to get what we need up here. I already had my laptop and all the papers from the UN with me, along with

my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.

I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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Forwarded by Ezili's Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network

| 31681|2010-01-30 10:03:38|Shu Tefnut|GET TO EGYPT FOR MUCH LESS \$1,810.00|

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| 31682|2010-01-31 06:53:04|sekhmet Johnson|Re: a modern western yoga???

"...european and their wannabe white cousin...hindu..."

Tafari, hold on while I ROTFL!!!! Sounds about right to me....LOL!!!

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] a modern western yoga???  
To: maatcollective@yahogroups.com  
Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 1:08 PM

### **When Chakras and Chocolate Collide**

Source: [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com)

NEW YORK, January, 2010: 30 people signed up for a strange new hybrid of vigorous yoga, followed by a multicourse dinner of pasta, wine and chocolate, served on the yoga room floor. This almost seamless transition was designed to allow yogis to taste, smell and digest in a heightened state of awareness.

Friday's event at Exhale Spa was the first in a series of "Yoga for Foodies" sessions devised by yoga teacher, David Romanelli, and coming soon to restaurants in Chicago, Cleveland and Dallas. Calling his mission "Yoga for Everyman", Romanelli says "it's a way of getting people in the door. The world is a better place if people do yoga. If they come because chocolate or wine is involved, I'm fine with it."

The past decade has produced thousands of new foodies and new yogis. In 2007, a combination yoga studio and fine dining restaurant, Ubuntu, opened in Napa California. Yoga retreat centers now offer gourmet cooking classes and wine tastings.

But not everyone agrees that lusty enjoyment of food and wine is compatible with yogic enlightenment. "The culture of judgement in the yoga community is rampant, and nowhere more than around food. Nowhere is it written that only vegetarians can do yoga." said yoga teacher Sadie Nardini.

There are many ways to "do" yoga: the term embraces meditation, worship, study, action, and physical movement. Yoga has many schools, like Ashtanga, Iyengar and Tantra, but has always been broadly understood as a route to enlightenment and purification - which is where consuming bacon and wine in yoga class becomes complicated. "People are starting to push back against the traditional, serious approach," said Romanelli.

[HPI note: Hindu tradition and ayurveda hold that tamasic foods, such as chocolate and -- much more so -- the flesh of dead animals, will keep the person away from higher states of mind, which are the goal of yoga.]

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In the ancient Old black system of yoga from India/hindiga the ancient blacks had times in the calender dedicated to a rite called puja,....

The puja was a time of expression dedicated to enlivening the pyscho-sexual capabilities of initiates for the purpose of enlivening the person to the goals and intentions of the village/or city-state and bringing the sociable qualities of god by way of bhodisattvas' s dedicated to mending broken relationships, and infusing joy into the people and fauna of their lives and land.

The article sent seems to me another outright wateringdown and plagirism of ancient Black indegenous religon/lifeway by europeans/americans and their wanna be white cousin the indoeuropean/ hindu.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

| 31683|2010-01-31 06:53:49|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti: Medevac Flights Halted|

Oh for crying out loud...(((shaking my head))).....politics, money and healthcare are a really bad "mix". Here's a "suggestion" for those "un-named states" that don't want to accept patients from Haiti because they are unable to "pay for hospitalization"....rather than call the Federal Government to pick up the tab for them, contact the various DONATION Centers where people have been sending money....I know the money I sent can be used, and gladly....with my consent. How's that suggestionworking for you? Just what are the donations being used for, "managerial and miscellaneous" costs again, like the American Red Cross did?

Sekhmet

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Subject: NPR.org - U.S. Halts Medevac Flights From Haiti

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=123159215&sc=e>  
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.S. Halts Medevac Flights From Haiti

by [Debbie Elliott](#)



Gregory Bull/AP

U.S. Navy and Air Force personnel prepared to airlift a girl with head injuries to an offshore medical facility last week in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

The U.S. military says it halted flights carrying Haitian earthquake victims to the United States on Wednesday. January 30, 2010

The United States military has halted medical evacuation flights from Haiti to the U.S.

Military planes have been flying some wounded earthquake victims to

be treated in U.S. hospitals, but that practice has stopped for now because states have raised questions about the cost of such care.

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The evacuations were temporarily suspended Wednesday, said Capt. Kevin Aandahl, spokesman for U.S. Transportation Command. The flights were halted a day after Florida Gov. Charlie Crist asked the federal government to help pay for care.

"This past week, some states indicated they are unwilling to approve any more patients for this type of care, so we're not doing these types of flights anymore," Aandahl said Saturday. He declined to specify which states declined to accept those patients.

Aandahl said the military can't fly medical evacuation missions without hospitals to accept the patients. However, he said, the U.S. continues to have what he called a "robust medical presence" on the island and offshore, "so nobody is going without treatment."

Florida has asked the Department of Health and Human Services to help the state defray the cost of treating earthquake victims.

A spokesman for Crist said Saturday that he was not aware of any hospital in Florida refusing patients. However, in a letter Tuesday to Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius, the governor said that "Florida's health care system is quickly reaching saturation, especially in the area of high-level trauma care." The letter stated that nearly 500 Haitian earthquake victims already were being treated in Florida hospitals.

Crist also asked Sebelius to activate the National Disaster Medical System, which is typically used in domestic disasters and pays for victims' care. His letter did indicate how much victims' care was costing Florida, though he said the state's health care system was already stretched by the winter tourism season and annual "snowbird" migration. In a statement Saturday, Crist said Florida has not stopped helping earthquake victims, noting at least 60 Haitian orphans arrived Friday night at Miami International Airport.

Those children already were being adopted by families in Utah, said Sterling Ivey, the governor's spokesman.

Crist said his state remains committed to caring for injured earthquake victims and reuniting families, though he was reaching out to other states to help care for them as well.

Crist's letter to Sebelius outlined Florida's relief efforts, including 436 patients admitted to hospitals. Nearly all those patients suffered multiple traumas, and a quarter of them were under the age of 18, the governor

wrote.

"Recently we learned that federal planning is underway to move between 30-50 critically ill patients per day for an indefinite period of time," Crist told Sebelius, saying Florida could not handle such an endeavor.

Aandahl said no evacuation requests have been made by U.S. military medical facilities in Haiti, including the hospital ship the USNS Comfort, since the flights were suspended Wednesday. There were limited medical evacuations by the U.S. military after the Jan. 12 earthquake, he said.

"It wasn't a lot of flights," Aandahl said. "Probably a dozen, maybe less, maybe more, but not a large number."

*Material from The Associated Press was used in this report*

This message was included: I was afraid of this....politics and money will cost black folks their lives....again. -Sekhmet

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| 31684|2010-01-31 06:56:28|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Tafari/Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life H|

Hello Tafari,

I promised not to "cc" you again, but I wanted to know if I could forward this post to a couple of "news blogs" and criminal justice blogs I am on? I will make whatever Name changes you think are appropriate, but I am not familiar with the towns mentioned except Port Au Prince and that is only because it is the capitol. I know the rural folks need more help than those in the cities....large or small city.

OWNER - PLEASE NOTE - I can also "delete" this forum name if that is best....no problem.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life  
Haiti

To: maatcollective@yahoogroups.com

Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 5:25 PM

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From: FORKSYROADS@ aol.com

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To: forksyroads@ aol.com

Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 3:36 PM

Thursday, January 28, 2010 6:58 PM

From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: Zili

I have not had internet access until now.....I am an american living in Haiti for over 20 years and established Trees for Life Haiti. see [treesforlife.org](http://treesforlife.org). I had my computer with me to write what I am sending. I want to thank everyone on your site for the information and motivation to change the way life is here. Mother Earth has broken the system and it is time for a new system and a new way of living in this beautiful country with its amazing and beautiful people.

GS - Haiti earthquake survivor and witness  
Trees for Life Haiti

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Today is the 3rd day after the earthquake in Haiti and I am in my tent on Boutillier. I am from the US and lived in California for many years thru a few low point quakes and tremors. I am used to the kind of response that I would experience in the US after such a great disaster, but today in Haiti it is both heartbreaking and heartwarming to see the reaction of the people who have never been thru any kind of disaster on this level and most do not understand what has happened. Where I am and where I have seen in parts of Petionville Delmas and listening to others who have been in other part of this city and the country. NO RESPONSE for 3 days. No police vehicles, no Red Cross, no NGO's no Minustah. No one on the streets to offer any help or direction. Only the radio announcers telling everyone to stay outside. Thousands have slept in the parks in Petionville with the stench of dead bodies. Some have no damage to homes but are told to sleep outside and breath the contaminated air.

It is almost 4pm and the Americans have just secured the airport. The first response we hear on the radio is to put toothpaste under our noses while they spray "something" in the air for the smell and rotting of dead bodies that have been laying in the streets for 3 days. What are they going to spray us with???? "something" is all the Haitians are told. Something will be sprayed soon and what will it do to the survivors and all those still sleeping and living outside? The country is now in control of the US Marines or whatever entity which has announced the "takeover of Haiti, Food and water is not entering by the airport but diverted to the D R and trucked in. I guess this is as close to a "rapid response" for the people who are out of food and water today.

Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

On Boutillier 7 people died in a church that collapsed. Walls built around the big mansions collapsed and houses built close to the Laboulle sand quarry buried. Many people lost homes and family. This morning the only boutique having 5 gallon water were purged by the rich families. The boutique had 9 gallons 5

and were being all purchased by one rich person til I ask her please to leave 3 bottles for others to buy. I could only buy one bottle for 11 people who are sleeping next to our tent and are part of my husbands family. I see no caring or concern for the poor people who are tramatized and very scared that another quake will happen and more loss and injuries.

CNN reported after the quake the following morning that help had already arrived. We can see the airport and we drove the streets in the afternoon and we saw no help. Today around 2pm we drove by the airport seeing no response or help in any of the areas we drove.

One thing that is amazing to me is that there is very little looting or damage by people to property and everyone is staying together and taking some actions like clearing the rubble and taking bodies to the Morgue. The destruction is massive in some areas of the city but in the upper part where people are basically just in shock and looking for food and water, a response is manageable and could save lives.

I don't know if we will have water or food tomorrow or the next day. I cannot reach anyone by my Digicel phone but I have heard that we can get help sometime soon but not how or when.

The window of opportunity has opened for a great takeover and we shall see how the Americans and the foreign response value the lives of the survivors.

I am an American living in Haiti for many years. We established trees for Life Haiti and have been planting trees and teaching agro techniwue and increase of food production in the rural areas. I have visited 42 localities over the years and what we do goes against the international agenda. We are not an NGO nor are we registered with the government. We have very little funding but we do what we can to teach others to care and respect our Great Mother Earth. She has made Her great Power known to this country and I hope and pray that this great tragedy will finally change the way Haitians and the powers that be have destroyed her for survival and greed. Haitian cannot continue to rape this country of trees and natural resources if they wish to survive this next generation.

Today is the 11th day since the quake and I finally received a money transfer from Trees for Life for food and gas and we are able to give food to 16 people. We drove to Petionville and saw some bags of rice in the areas where people are camping in the park. NO ONE who lives in small home will sleep inside. We have had two tremors today and people are still traumatized and very afraid. A young girl with an injured and bleeding foot ask for money. She was alone and very disoriented. We see the outside markets are now selling their goods and food but very few are buying for lack of money. My friend who has a small market with a Western Union station says he has no business but maybe 200 people waiting to receive transfers. These people are lucky to have loved ones to send money. Millions do not have outside support of any kind and must depend on relief aid, which I have not seen in this part of city. We see very few cars in the streets and we did not see any official cars or aid workers or response teams or police.

I was told by a friend today who witnessed the mob justice of an armed robber. He was arrested by two police and then turned over to the crowd. They beat him and then burned him til nothing was left but his bones. I have heard a few accounts of police shooting innocent people, including a 15 year old girl who was in a market. The UN trained and armed police seem to have never heard of human rights or been trained to handle any kind of disaster situation. But they do know how to shoot their new guns and proudly wear their uniforms.

I visited the offices of a magazine that is hosting some French journalists but I felt no desire to speak to anyone. I do know some of what is really happening here is being reported but I suspect that countries like France, the US and European Union would not want it reported how unorganized and inhumane the rescue and response has been.or not been. There will be the standard excuses and much talk from government officials as to the lack of infrastructure and the fear of violence while more suffer from lack of medical care and food. I still wonder how all these millions of dollars pledged to this country will be used and who will be spending it and where. Haiti does not need any more vultures to pick at the bones of the poor, Haiti needs sincere benevolent assistance with no hidden agenda of opportunist greed.

I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are the only people who will use our truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. He body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law's body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personal on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

She also told me that she passed the parks in Petionville today and they were finally trying to distribute food but the crowds were unmanageable. A friend who lives in Petionville said the organization giving out food is a private one and not part of the International team for assistance. He said they have been giving food to the people camping in the park for a few days but there is no organized system and fighting for food is happening now.

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Today is the 13th day after the quake and we still felt two slight tremors. Some people I know with no damage to their homes are returning. Some friends came up to visit today and have no home any longer. We talked about how this is a great tragedy but the system must and will change because we are now witnessing the total inept way the government is not giving the help to the people.

I live in a house in Vivy Michel with my friend Neil and his family. He came to see us today on the

mountain and he is the first person I have talked to who was downtown and at the General Hospital the night of the earthquake. His wife's aunt was leg injured and in downtown and was taken to GH by family. So he had to spend the night outside the hospital waiting for her to get treated. What he then told me was very gruesome but I feel like people have to know how the Haitian government Hospital doctors treated these disaster victims. My friend told me he saw so many people coming to the hospital and these are the very poor and also in the area of the greatest devastation so I will say the doctors were totally unprepared and overwhelmed. Most of the victims had severe limb damage or had lost an arm, leg or hand and were carrying their severed limbs in some hope they could be re attached. But the most horrific scene he describes is that the doctors started amputating damaged and gangrene limbs of these people every 15 minutes or so with NO anesthesia and then gave the patients a prescription and sends them away with family or friends if they have any with them. The ones that don't are laid in the corridors or even outside the hospital on the ground to recover. The scene is so surreal that he describes to me and I just cover my mouth and can't speak.

I just cannot imagine that this is a government that the UN insists should be in charge and given support to take care of its citizens when it has been so inept for so many years. It was this government that allowed the poor people to build unsafe structures on mountainsides surrounding the city.

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Today is the 14th day after the quake and I finally could reach a few friends when the circuits are not busy. I will probably have to go visit one of the nicer people living in the big houses here who has kindly said I could use his internet.

I received another transfer today from my daughter. She was able to raise \$130 from her co workers and today we needed to replenish our food. I am so thankful for anyone who sends help. However, the dollar exchange is dropping everyday and we are paying higher prices for everything. We are still able to give food to 20 people today.

We still do not see anyone on the mountain except the teams coming to install new communication systems for the recovery effort. I met two very nice men from the U.S . sent by FEMA and who are part of this team. I ask them is there was any help they saw reaching anyone in the city and they said no. They told me the UN, the US, England and France are fighting with the Haitian government for control of distribution. One man also was in Indonesia and Katrina and said he saw the same slow response after these disasters. You would think at least we would see Red Cross teams or medical teams, or tents and ways to have some shelter and food. He said only a few private groups and local churches are giving food but the crowds are huge and hungry. He recommended I did not leave the mountain or go past Petionville even to ask for help. Then he offered me two army ration meals which we tried but only ate the deserts. Sorry I sound ungrateful but I am not in the military nor am I any where near being hungry enough to eat the salty mushy, plastic, beef stew ,yet. It was a nice gesture though even though he did make sure to ask the members of the team if they were going to eat their rations before he offered.

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It is now two weeks past the event that has shaken this country and I hope it has shaken the world to witness how a country so close the Washington D.C. and with so many relatives of Americans living here can be made to suffer because the "powers" that control the goods and money sent cannot agree on how it should be done.

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Today is the 15th day after the quake and still no relief sent to where we are. I know I will receive some funds today from Trees for Life and we will keep feeding people and doing what we can.

I received a phone call today from a missionary in O'kay in the south and she told me someone from her church was trying to contact me. She told me that they are getting help from other missions and that planes were landing there with relief. She said the number of "refugees" meaning those Haitians that were from there are returning to their families but the number is so great and their families don't have anything either.

I heard the plan announced on the radio, and this is a government response, that there are specific stations that will bus people back to their home province with 500gds(\$15.00) and some food. That amount of money will buy food for 4 people for one or two days. There are now some clinics and temporary medical facilities to treat people. And the Red Cross is mentioned, too. It appears the government is trying to get as many people to leave the city.

We have not heard that that the tons of goods that have been flown into the International airport are being distributed yet. Mostly local organizations are giving some help but the international teams are not presently organized or giving help as of today. The government response is slow and incredibly ineffective. There is still a good supply of goods and food in the markets in our area but people have no money to purchase.

I have friends who are giving help on their own anyway they can. One college student I know is organizing a way to get clothes to some of the people living in the parks in Petionville. So many Haitians I know are helping everywhere with frustration because of such a lack of organized ways of delivery of relief. People are calling me to find out how they can volunteer or get some kind of jobs with the relief teams but there is no central location for these teams, yet or any information given on the radio.

We have heard that an area called Leogone is 90% destroyed and no help there yet.

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We are very lucky to have a big cistern for our use for water to wash etc, but no free drinking water or food has arrived on Boutillier as of today

My brother just called me and said that Trees for Life has just wired a substantial donation to our account



and we will be able to help many others now Thank you God and thank you to the generous donor.

We just spoke to the local authority for the area damaged on Boutillier and he gave a list of families we will be helping.

Today is the 16th day after the earthquake and we are listening to the radio of people being interviewed by local journalists still crying for food and water. The slums are reporting that they have received food from some local agencies but now they have no water. Jacmel people are demonstrating today because they have received no help, yet. Jacmel is about 3 hours drive from PAP. If the roads are not passable, we see many helicopters that could drop supplies but we have heard that the UN has blocked the Americans from doing this. Fritz's nephew told me he went downtown yesterday and did not see so many people as many have been evacuated but he said the smell was so bad he could not be there long.

My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand. My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and iridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning. basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no". God Bless us.

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Today is the 16th day since the earthquake and I have a list of all the people living in the different zones on Boutillier mountain. I know a man living in the big houses who has a business and came to tell me I could go with him tomorrow to the UN compound next to the airport and request assistance for food, water and tents in the name of Trees for Life Haiti. Since we have an organization we were told this is the only way that help is reaching people so we will go thru the disaster zones and get some help up here. I have dispersed a few funds to some very needy and homeless people so far but the need is so great that we must get some aid relief up here. Since I have the official paperwork for the projects we were to implement before the quake it should make it easier to get what we need up here. I already had my laptop and all the papers from the UN with me, along with my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.

I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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Forwarded by Ezili's Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network

| 31685|2010-01-31 06:56:36|hebrew b'yisrael|Obama And Brown Cousins|

## **Obama And Brown Cousins - Latest News**

by - **WMDT Staff**

01/30/2010

WASHINGTON D.C. - President Barack Obama is related to Massachusetts Senator-elect Scott Brown. That's according to a genealogist that says the **two men are tenth cousins**. Their heritage is traced back to a town called Selectman in Haverhill, Massachusetts in the 1650's. Brown was quoted as saying that he is "glad to be in such distinguished company." The Senator-elect will sit down with special guest host Barbara Walters on "This Week" Sunday morning. You can catch that interview Sunday at 10:30 on WMDT.

| 31686|2010-01-31 06:59:16|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?|

"The problem with Haiti....is money...."

Hello Alex,

those are historical facts, and I am not arguing/disputing them....this thread was supposed to be about helping the MASSES now, and coming up with ideas to re-build a stronger more independent Haiti over the long term.

Not just you, but most people are talking about the military coming in now, when they are the largest, best equipped and staffed "group" in any crisis situation. Yeah, they have guns but they also have food, water, trained staff, shovels, tents and don't spook too easy when something else happens....like aftershocks.

Just so we keep things "straight" though, any military coup the U.S. or any other foreign government assists in is because the "home government" asked for help initially. In this day and age of global communications...it is almost dang near impossible for a military to come in un-announced and stage a coup for the home government. SOMEBODY knows all the details and the people involved, it won't be "the masses" who are given some political mumbo-jumbo about overthrowing an "elected official". It sounds possible, but.....it just doesn't happen that way.....some other home country government "leaders" were in on it too. About 30-50 years down the road, someone usually spills the beans about what really happened and who was really involved and why.

As for "drug traffickers", welllllll....those are some serious characters dealing with serious amounts of money and weapons. I have found it best to stay away from them if at all possible; as for some government dealing with them? Well, most large organizations are a "government"

unto themselves if what I am reading is correct and true....but like the crack-head exhusband said, "A crackhead will lie." (He was a shining example of that axiom IMO....ROTFL!!!!)  
But thanks for the links sent in the other post, I will look them up later to read for more "Wikipedia" info.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sat, 1/30/10, Alex van Deelen** wrote:

From: Alex van Deelen  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 11:08 AM

The problem with Haiti is that it has been systematically bled dry, from independence right up to the 1990s and today.

It was forced to pay reparations TO FRANCE (odd how the West never finds a problem with paying reparations to slaveholders and colonists, but can't stop dragging it's feet when it comes to paying reparations to Africans or Native Americans).

Unofficially, the United States has always feared the example of a successful independent African state, that is developed and frankly gives hope and alternatives to it's own systematically oppressed populations.

I think that is why the ruling elites support their fellow elites in Africa, South America and Asia at every opportunity, against the large masses of people.

So the problem is and has been money, and the US support for oppressive elites over anyone who would liberate the masses from poverty. Hence their replacement of a roman catholic priest with the head of the death squads and the nation's leading drug trafficker.

Odd too how officially the US has a 'war on drugs' which includes the large scale incarceration of drug users, but at the same time props up and actively puts into power drug traffickers (Lucas

in Haiti, Noriega in Panama).

There are elitist forces at work that first need to be dealt with, before Haiti or any other South or Central American country can develop.

Alex

| 31687|2010-01-31 07:19:55|Peter Gray|Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?|  
Sekhmet,

I think you mis-read my post. I was saying that it would in fact "take a little time" for normal grocery shopping and daily market activities to return to normal.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail.com; wiseladyowl@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 2010 14:00:05 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...Re-establishing the daily market system...."

Sorry Peter, I disagree. It is too soon to expect those people to have money to go grocery shopping at this time. They had "food riots" before the quake, quiet as it is kept....so this sounds/looks like a prelude to some violence since young people ...specifically, young men...are not going to starve with food available. I don't know where this is available in Haiti, I mean what part of the country it is being made available, but some rural areas are still waiting for free donated foods as of yesterday. Shipments are still having problems because the roads are messed up from the quake....and people are still mentally traumatized and getting some really big aftershocks that is keeping them on edge. I am not running things, but a "market" in the midst of all that doesn't sound like a good idea to me at this time...but I am not in Haiti, maybe I am missing some relevant details about this new "market" thing.

The rest of your post, except the FEMA trailers IMO, I can concur with.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?  
To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 8:43 AM

Wind power is certainly feasible in many parts of the island, and it would take just a couple of techies to install a single turbine. But continued food aid (and bottled water), as well as the tents you mention, are still much needed. Re-establishing the daily market system (shopping for groceries, etc.) will, admittedly take a little time. FEMA trucks are probably as good as anything else the victims are likely to find for accommodation, so I'm all for it.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoo.com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail.com; wiseladyowl@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 16:22:26 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...we want to avoid hurricanes.. .."

Yeah, Peter....I am sure they want to avoid them too, but where they are situated.... in front of Jamaica,.... they are usually hit first when hurricanes do occur. I would think a climatologist working with a couple of other engineers could work on something workable for the area. The east coast has wind energy, and they get hurricane winds sometimes. I think it is doable, eh Haiti.

And yes, I heard the solar panels were donated also....the giving spirit ain't dead yet, thank goodness. I hope it continues for the next couple of years. Have you or anyone heard about being sent? Something durable like hunting tents would be great IMO....but they can keep FEMA trailers, even though they are more durable than a tent. (They have carcinogens in them or some other kind of toxins that are not kind to humans.)

Oh well, one thing at a time.....they have fresh food in Port Au Prince, but....no one has money to buy it so.....((shaking my head))...I am trying to figure out what was the point of opening "store" of sorts where people have to pay for food at this critical time. I must be missing something again.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 12:21 PM

Thanks, Sekhmet.

Actually, though, we want to avoid hurricanes -- their wind speeds are too fierce to be harnessed by wind turbines with today's technology (which operates in the range below about 50 mph). And you're right, Haiti is very prone to hurricanes.

But wouldn't it be great if someone could capture/harness a single bolt of lightning?!! One of those could probably power a medium-sized city for days. Haiti is also full of sunshine, and BTW I hear that some of the current aid is in the form of solar panels to power water sanitization kits, etc.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoo.com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail.com; wiseladyowl@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 15:44:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...wind turbines.... Any takers?"

Hello Peter,

I am not an engineer but that sounds like an excellent idea. I had to check my map to see where both nations are located....pretty close, but Haiti would get hurricane winds first I think. Perhaps if they place them firmly embedded in the mountains where the houses were before they fell. Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:01 AM

I'd like to make one constructive comment -- that for a country that spends 70% of its earned foreign exchange serving debt, the most immediate and effective means of stimulating the economy in the short- and long-term, is to reduce its annual oil bill.

Like Haiti, Jamaica also spends about 70% of its foreign exchange earnings serving debt, and is poised to spend \$2.6 billion (with a **B**) importing oil this year. At least they have had the wisdom to endorse the construction of wind farms [9 x 25 megawatt wind turbines are currently in the process of being installed]. So my suggestion is to form some technology coalition to do the same in Haiti. Any takers?

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 09:21:07 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti

Finally, some honest information about Haiti from a talking head with a blog site. Their point is not "new" and of course big businesses will exploit the current tragedy setting them back further once the "quake finally settles". That will, realistically speaking, be months from now....right in time for hurricane season to start if I miss my in-expert climate guess. Rather than send aide to a corrupt organization (and I have no problem with that), some people that can't afford to give opt on sending "nothing at all" (((shaking my head))).

BTW,....Tafari, I got the recent list on who are reputable groups to send money to, I just haven't replied to it yet...thanks.

Anyhoo, what the Haitians desperately need after medical workers and supplies, are qualified structural engineers to build homes, schools and buildings. Teachers and agronomists or horticultural experts to replace the foliage destroyed to burn for fuel or to build "lean to" homes like in the past. And some genuine political leaders not more interested in lining their own pockets, rather than helping Haitians to re-build their own country to a self-sustaining state. The average citizen poverty level is not "new" and can't be solely the responsibility of another country regardless of what the current talking heads and anti-American rumor mongers are saying...inside and outside Haiti.

My 2 cent opinion only.

Sekhmet

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OPINION | January 21, 2010

**Op-Ed Columnist: Some Frank Talk About Haiti**

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

On [my blog](#), a woman named Mona pointed to Haitian corruption and declared: "I won't send money because I know what will happen to it." Another reader attributed Haiti's poverty to "the low I.Q. of the 9 million people there," and added: "It is all very sad and cannot be fixed."

"Giving money to Haiti and other third-world countries is like throwing money in the toilet," another commenter said. A fourth asserted: "Haiti is a money pit. Dumping billions of dollars into it has proven futile. ... America is deeply in

debt, and we can't afford it."

Not everyone is so frank, but the subtext of much of the discussion of Haiti is despair about both Haiti and foreign aid. Pat Robertson, the religious broadcaster, went furthest by suggesting that Haiti's earthquake flowed from a pact with the devil more than two centuries ago. While it's not for a journalist to nitpick a minister's theological credentials, that implication of belated seismic revenge on Haitian children seems defamatory of God.

Americans have also responded with a huge outpouring of assistance, including more than \$22 million raised by the Red Cross from text messages alone. But for those with doubts, let's have a frank discussion of Haiti's problems:

Why is Haiti so poor? Is it because Haitians are dimwitted or incapable of getting their act together?

Haiti isn't impoverished because the devil got his due; it's impoverished partly because of debts due. France imposed a huge debt that strangled Haiti. And when foreigners weren't looting Haiti, its own rulers were.

The greatest predation was the deforestation of Haiti, so that only 2 percent of the country is forested today. Some trees have been and continue to be [cut by local peasants](#), but many were destroyed either by foreigners or to pay off debts to foreigners. Last year, I drove across the island of Hispaniola, and it was surreal: You traverse what in places is a Haitian moonscape until you reach [the border](#) with the Dominican Republic and jungle.

Without trees, Haiti lost its topsoil through erosion, crippling agriculture.

To visit Haiti is to know that its problem isn't its people. They are its treasure smart, industrious and hospitable and Haitians tend to be successful in the United States (and everywhere but in Haiti).

Can our billions in aid to Haitians accomplish anything? After all, a Wall Street Journal column argues, "To help Haiti, end foreign aid."

First, don't exaggerate [how much we give or they get](#).

Haiti ranks 42nd among poor countries in worldwide aid received per person (\$103 in 2008, more than one-quarter of which comes from the United States). David Roodman of the Center for Global Development calculates that in 2008, official American aid to Haiti amounted to 92 cents per American.

The United States gives more to Haiti than any other country. But it ranks 11th in per capita giving. Canadians give five times as much per person as we do. As for whether aid promotes economic growth, that's a bitter and unresolved argument. But even the leading critics of aid William Easterly, a New York University economist, and Dambisa Moyo, a banker turned author believe in assisting Haiti after the earthquake.

"I think we have a moral imperative," Ms. Moyo told me. "I do believe the international community should act."

Likewise, Professor Easterly said: "Of course, I am in favor of aid to Haiti earthquake victims!"

So, is Haiti hopeless? Is Bill O'Reilly right? He said: "Once again, we will do more than anyone else on the planet, and one year from today Haiti will be just as bad as it is right now."

No, he's not right. And this is the most pernicious myth of all. In fact, Haiti in



recent years has been much better managed under President René Préval and has shown signs of being on the mend.

Far more than most other impoverished countries particularly those in Africa Haiti could plausibly turn itself around. It has an excellent geographic location, there are no regional wars, and it could boom if it could just export to the American market.

A [report for the United Nations](#) by a prominent British economist, Paul Collier, outlined the best strategy for Haiti: building garment factories. That idea (sweatshops! ) may sound horrific to Americans. But it's a strategy that has worked for other countries, such as Bangladesh, and Haitians in the slums would tell you that their most fervent wish is for jobs. A few dozen major shirt factories could be transformational for Haiti.

So in the coming months as we help Haitians rebuild, let's dispatch not only aid workers, but also business investors. Haiti desperately needs new schools and hospitals, but also new factories.

And let's challenge the myth that because Haiti has been poor, it always will be. That kind of self-fulfilling fatalism may be the biggest threat of all to Haiti, the real pact with the devil.

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| 31688|2010-01-31 07:30:50|Peter Gray|Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?|

Thanks for this expose of Guy Phillippe, Alex. Only the truth can set us free.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

From: avdeelen@ziggo.nl

Date: Sat, 30 Jan 2010 18:19:25 +0100

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

Here are the people who were instated by the US/CIA backed coup:

Police Chief and drug trafficker Guy Philippe

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy\\_Philippe](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Guy_Philippe)

Head of the death squads (also known as 'gangs  
of armed men') Louis-Jodel Chamblain:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis-Jodel\\_Chamblain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Louis-Jodel_Chamblain)

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| 31689|2010-01-31 08:39:48|IMJs@webtv.net|OT - Serena Wins Her Fifth Titile Down Under!|

<http://sports.espn.go.com/sports/tennis/aus10/news/story?id=4870412>

| 31690|2010-01-31 09:29:30|Li (wiseladyowl)|Re: Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life|

I am hurting sooo much right now and do not know what to say, think or do the tragedy of ppl who look like me being disregarded so that some force can take over in the future is disgusting. We know that those who are there are not there to help our ppl only to watch until the time comes to make their move on an already devastated and burdened populace.

Love and light,'

ladeeowl

--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: maatcollective@yahoogroups.com

Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 6:25 PM

--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, FORKSYROADS@ aol.com** [FORKSYROADS@aol.com](mailto:FORKSYROADS@aol.com) wrote:

From: FORKSYROADS@ aol.com

Subject: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: forksyroads@ aol.com

Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 3:36 PM

Thursday, January 28, 2010 6:58 PM

From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: Zili

I have not had internet access until now.....I am an american living in Haiti for over 20 years and established Trees for Life Haiti. see treesforlife. org. I had my computer with me to write what I am sending. I want to thank everyone on your site for the information and motivation to change the way life is here. Mother Earth has broken the system and it is time for a new system and a new way of living in this beautiful country with its amazing and beautiful people.

GS - Haiti earthquake survivor and witness  
Trees for Life Haiti

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Today is the 3rd day after the earthquake in Haiti and I am in my tent on Boutillier. I am from the US and lived in California for many years thru a few low point quakes and tremors. I am used to the kind of response that I would experience in the US after such a great disaster, but today in Haiti it is both heartbreaking and heartwarming to see the reaction of the people who have never been thru any kind of disaster on this level and most do not understand what has happened. Where I am and where I have seen in parts of Petionville Delmas and listening to others who have been in other part of this city and the

country. NO RESPONSE for 3 days. No police vehicles, no Red Cross, no NGO's no Minustah. No one on the streets to offer any help or direction. Only the radio announcers telling everyone to stay outside. Thousands have slept in the parks in Petionville with the stench of dead bodies. Some have no damage to homes but are told to sleep outside and breath the contaminated air.

It is almost 4pm and the Americans have just secured the airport. The first response we hear on the radio is to put toothpaste under our noses while they spray "something" in the air for the smell and rotting of dead bodies that have been laying in the streets for 3 days. What are they going to spray us with???? "something" is all the Haitians are told. Something will be sprayed soon and what will it do to the survivors and all those still sleeping and living outside? The country is now in control of the US Marines or whatever entity which has announced the "takeover of Haiti, Food and water is not entering by the airport but diverted to the D R and trucked in. I guess this is as close to a "rapid response" for the people who are out of food and water today.

Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

On Boutillier 7 people died in a church that collapsed. Walls built around the big mansions collapsed and houses built close to the Laboulle sand quarry buried. Many people lost homes and family. This morning the only boutique having 5 gallon water were purged by the rich families. The boutique had 9 gallons 5 and were being all purchased by one rich person til I ask her please to leave 3 bottles for others to buy. I could only buy one bottle for 11 people who are sleeping next to our tent and are part of my husbands family. I see no caring or concern for the poor people who are tramitized and very scared that another quake will happen and more loss and injuries.

CNN reported after the quake the following morning that help had already arrived. We can see the airport and we drove the streets in the afternoon and we saw no help. Today around 2pm we drove by the airport seeing no response or help in any of the areas we drove.

One thing that is amazing to me is that there is very little looting or damage by people to property and everyone is staying together and taking some actions like clearing the rubble and taking bodies to the Morgue. The destruction is massive in some areas of the city but in the upper part where people are basically just in shock and looking for food and water, a response is manageable and could save lives.

I don't know if we will have water or food tomorrow or the next day. I cannot reach anyone by my Digicel phone but I have heard that we can get help sometime soon but not how or when.

The window of opportunity has opened for a great takeover and we shall see how the Americans and the foreign response value the lives of the survivors.

I am an American living in Haiti for many years. We established trees for Life Haiti and have been planting trees and teaching agro techniwue and increase of food production in the rural areas. I have visited 42 localities over the years and what we do goes against the international agenda. We are not an NGO nor are we registered with the government. We have very little funding but we do what we can to teach others to care and respect our Great Mother Earth. She has made Her great Power known to this country and I hope and pray that this great tragedy will finally change the way Haitians and the powers that be have destroyed her for survival and greed. Haitian cannot continue to rape this country of trees and natural resources if they wish to survive this next generation.

Today is the 11th day since the quake and I finally received a money transfer from Trees for Life for food and gas and we are able to give food to 16 people. We drove to Petionville and saw some bags of rice in the areas where people are camping in the park. NO ONE who lives in small home will sleep inside. We have had two tremors today and people are still traumatized and very afraid. A young girl with an injured and bleeding foot ask for money. She was alone and very disoriented. We see the outside markets are now selling their goods and food but very few are buying for lack of money. My friend who has a small market with a Western Union station says he has no business but maybe 200 people waiting to receive transfers. These people are lucky to have loved ones to send money. Millions do not have outside

support of any kind and must depend on relief aid, which I have not seen in this part of city. We see very few cars in the streets and we did not see any official cars or aid workers or response teams or police.

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I heard the plan announced on the radio, and this is a government response, that there are specific stations that will bus people back to their home province with 500gds(\$15.00) and some food. That amount of money will buy food for 4 people for one or two days. There are now some clinics and temporary medical facilities to treat people. And the Red Cross is mentioned, too. It appears the government is trying to get as many people to leave the city.

We have not heard that that the tons of goods that have been flown into the International airport are being



distributed yet. Mostly local organizations are giving some help but the international teams are not presently organized or giving help as of today. The government response is slow and incredibly ineffective. There is still a good supply of goods and food in the markets in our area but people have no money to purchase.

I have friends who are giving help on their own anyway they can. One college student I know is organizing a way to get clothes to some of the people living in the parks in Petionville. So many Haitians I know are helping everywhere with frustration because of such a lack of organized ways of delivery of relief. People are calling me to find out how they can volunteer or get some kind of jobs with the relief teams but there is no central location for these teams, yet or any information given on the radio.

We have heard that an area called Leogone is 90% destroyed and no help there yet.

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We are very lucky to have a big cistern for our use for water to wash etc, but no free drinking water or food has arrived on Boutillier as of today

My brother just called me and said that Trees for Life has just wired a substantial donation to our account and we will be able to help many others now Thank you God and thank you to the generous donor.

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My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand . My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and iridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning..basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no".God Bless us.

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Today is the 16th day since the earthquake and I have a list of all the people living in the different zones on Boutillier mountain. I know a man living in the big houses who has a business and came to tell me I could go with him tomorrow to the UN compound next to the airport and request assistance for food,



water and tents in the name of Trees for Life Haiti. Since we have an organization we were told this is the only way that help is reaching people so we will go thru the disaster zones and get some help up here. I have dispersed a few funds to some very needy and homeless people so far but the need is so great that we must get some aid relief up here. Since I have the official paperwork for the projects we were to implement before the quake it should make it easier to get what we need up here. I already had my laptop and all the papers from the UN with me, along with my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.



I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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Forwarded by Ezili's Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com, "Ta-Seti"

Cc: "peter" , "lady owl"

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 6:36 PM

Hello Tafari,

I promised not to "cc" you again, but I wanted to know if I could forward this post to a couple "news blogs" and criminal justice blogs I am on? I will make whatever Name changes you are appropriate, but I am not familiar with the towns mentioned except Port Au Prince and only because it is the capitol. I know the rural folks need more help than those in the cities....large or small city.

OWNER - PLEASE NOTE - I can also "delete" this forum name if that is best....no problem

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Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

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OWNER - PLEASE NOTE - I can also "delete" this forum name if that is best....no problem  
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response that I would experience in the US after such a great disaster, but today in Haiti it is both heartbreaking and heartwarming to see the reaction of the people who have never been thru any kind of disaster on this level and most do not understand what has happened. Where I am and where I have seen in parts of Petionville Delmas and listening to others who have been in other part of this city and the country. NO RESPONSE for 3 days. No police vehicles, no Red Cross, no NGO's no Minustah. No one on the streets to offer any help or direction. Only the radio announcers telling everyone to stay outside. Thousands have slept in the parks in Petionville with the stench of dead bodies. Some have no damage to homes but are told to sleep outside and breath the contaminated air.

It is almost 4pm and the Americans have just secured the airport. The first response we hear on the radio is to put toothpaste under our noses while they spray "something" in the air for the smell and rotting of dead bodies that have been laying in the streets for 3 days. What are they going to spray us with???? "something" is all the Haitians are told. Something will be sprayed soon and what will it do to the survivors and all those still sleeping and living outside? The country is now in control of the US Marines or whatever entity which has announced the "takeover of Haiti, Food and water is not entering by the airport but diverted to the D R and trucked in. I guess this is as close to a "rapid response" for the people who are out of food and water today.

Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

On Boutillier 7 people died in a church that collapsed. Walls built around the big mansions collapsed and houses built close to the Laboulle sand quarry buried. Many people lost homes and family. This morning the only boutique having 5 gallon water were purged by the rich families. The boutique had 9 gallons 5 and were being all purchased by one rich person til I ask her please to leave 3 bottles for others to buy. I could only buy one bottle for 11 people who are sleeping next to our tent and are part of my husbands family. I see no caring or concern for the poor people who are tramitized and very scared that another quake will happen and more loss and injuries.

CNN reported after the quake the following morning that help had already arrived. We can see the airport and we drove the streets in the afternoon and we saw no help. Today around 2pm we drove by the airport seeing no response or help in any of the areas we drove.

One thing that is amazing to me is that there is very little looting or damage by people to property and everyone is staying together and taking some actions like clearing the rubble and taking bodies to the Morgue. The destruction is massive in some areas of the city but in the upper part where people are basically just in shock and looking for food and water, a response is manageable and could save lives.

I don't know if we will have water or food tomorrow or the next day. I cannot reach anyone by my Digicel phone but I have heard that we can get help sometime soon but not how or when.

The window of opportunity has opened for a great takeover and we shall see how the Americans and the foreign response value the lives of the survivors.

I am an American living in Haiti for many years. We established trees for Life Haiti and have been planting trees and teaching agro techniwue and increase of food production in the rural areas. I have visited 42 localities over the years and what we do goes against the international agenda. We are not an NGO nor are we registered with the government. We have very little funding but we do what we can to teach others to care and respect our Great Mother Earth. She has made Her great Power known to this country and I hope and pray that this great tragedy will finally change the way Haitians and the powers that be have destroyed her for survival and greed. Haitian cannot continue to rape this country of trees and natural resources if they wish to survive this next generation.

Today is the 11th day since the quake and I finally received a money transfer from Trees for Life for food and gas and we are able to give food to 16 people. We drove to Petionville and saw some bags of rice in the areas where people are camping in the park. NO ONE who lives in small home will sleep inside. We have had two tremors today and people are still traumatized and very afraid. A young girl with an injured

and bleeding foot ask for money. She was alone and very disoriented. We see the outside markets are now selling their goods and food but very few are buying for lack of money. My friend who has a small market with a Western Union station says he has no business but maybe 200 people waiting to receive transfers. These people are lucky to have loved ones to send money. Millions do not have outside support of any kind and must depend on relief aid, which I have not seen in this part of city. We see very few cars in the streets and we did not see any official cars or aid workers or response teams or police.

I was told by a friend today who witnessed the mob justice of an armed robber. He was arrested by two police and then turned over to the crowd. They beat him and then burned him til nothing was left but his bones. I have heard a few accounts of police shooting innocent people, including a 15 year old girl who was in a market. The UN trained and armed police seem to have never heard of human rights or been trained to handle any kind of disaster situation. But they do know how to shoot their new guns and proudly wear their uniforms.

I visited the offices of a magazine that is hosting some French journalists but I felt no desire to speak to anyone. I do know some of what is really happening here is being reported but I suspect that countries like France, the US and European Union would not want it reported how unorganized and inhumane the rescue and response has been or not been. There will be the standard excuses and much talk from government officials as to the lack of infrastructure and the fear of violence while more suffer from lack of medical care and food. I still wonder how all these millions of dollars pledged to this country will be used and who will be spending it and where. Haiti does not need any more vultures to pick at the bones of the poor, Haiti needs sincere benevolent assistance with no hidden agenda of opportunist greed.

I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are the only people who will use our truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. He body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law's body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personnel on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

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I received another transfer today from my daughter. She was able to raise \$130 from her co workers and today we needed to replenish our food. I am so thankful for anyone who sends help. However, the dollar exchange is dropping everyday and we are paying higher prices for everything. We are still able to give food to 20 people today.

We still do not see anyone on the mountain except the teams coming to install new communication systems for the recovery effort. I met two very nice men from the U.S . sent by FEMA and who are part of this team. I ask them is there was any help they saw reaching anyone in the city and they said no. They told me the UN, the US, England and France are fighting with the Haitian government for control of distribution. One man also was in Indonesia and Katrina and said he saw the same slow response after these disasters. You would think at least we would see Red Cross teams or medical teams, or tents and ways to have some shelter and food. He said only a few private groups and local churches are giving food but the crowds are huge and hungry. He recommended I did not leave the mountain or go past

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It is now two weeks past the event that has shaken this country and I hope it has shaken the world to witness how a country so close the Washington D.C. and with so many relatives of Americans living here can be made to suffer because the "powers" that control the goods and money sent cannot agree on how it should be done.

Oh yeah, we heard from a friend of ours whose brother was eligible to return to the states on the plan offered to any Haitian with citizenship in the States who can receive one family member from Haiti. Our friend's brother wants to come back because his family in the states does not cook Haitian food and he doesn't like the American food. Imagine that

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I received a phone call today from a missionary in O'kay in the south and she told me someone from her church was trying to contact me. She told me that they are getting help from other missions and that planes were landing there with relief. She said the number of "refugees" meaning those Haitians that were from there are returning to their families but the number is so great and their families don't have anything either.

I heard the plan announced on the radio, and this is a government response, that there are specific stations that will bus people back to their home province with 500gds(\$15.00) and some food. That amount of money will buy food for 4 people for one or two days. There are now some clinics and temporary medical facilities to treat people. And the Red Cross is mentioned, too. It appears the government is trying to get as many people to leave the city.

We have not heard that that the tons of goods that have been flown into the International airport are being distributed yet. Mostly local organizations are giving some help but the international teams are not presently organized or giving help as of today. The government response is slow and incredibly ineffective. There is still a good supply of goods and food in the markets in our area but people have no money to purchase.

I have friends who are giving help on their own anyway they can. One college student I know is organizing a way to get clothes to some of the people living in the parks in Petionville. So many Haitians I know are helping everywhere with frustration because of such a lack of organized ways of delivery of relief. People are calling me to find out how they can volunteer or get some kind of jobs with the relief teams but there is no central location for these teams, yet or any information given on the radio.

We have heard that an area called Leogone is 90% destroyed and no help there yet.

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We are very lucky to have a big cistern for our use for water to wash etc, but no free drinking water or food has arrived on Boutillier as of today

My brother just called me and said that Trees for Life has just wired a substantial donation to our account and we will be able to help many others now Thank you God and thank you to the generous donor.

We just spoke to the local authority for the area damaged on Boutillier and he gave a list of families we will be helping.

Today is the 16th day after the earthquake and we are listening to the radio of people being interviewed by local journalists still crying for food and water. The slums are reporting that they have received food from some local agencies but now they have no water. Jacmel people are demonstrating today because they have received no help, yet. Jacmel is about 3 hours drive from PAP. If the roads are not passable, we see many helicopters that could drop supplies but we have heard that the UN has blocked the Americans from doing this. Fritz's nephew told me he went downtown yesterday and did not see so many people as many have been evacuated but he said the smell was so bad he could not be there long.

My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand. My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and iridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning..basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no". God Bless us.

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and all the papers from the UN with me, along with my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.

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I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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Forwarded by Ezili's Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network

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And I'm not being crude, just realistic.

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I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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Sent via BlackBerry from T-Mobile

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**From:** IMJs@webtv.net

**Date:** Sun, 31 Jan 2010 11:39:45 -0500

**To:** ;

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<http://sports.espn.go.com/sports/tennis/aus10/news/story?id=4870412>

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Peter, what about the young lady who sent this e-mail..do you feel she would make an excellent go between?

thanks,  
shirley

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From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Tafari/Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010, 12:28 PM

I even tried emailing [forksyarroads@ aol.com](mailto:forksyarroads@aol.com) by clicking the address, but got a run-around requiring signing into yahoo.com with securityquestions,etc.Nevertheless, I do think it would be most effective to find out how we could wire cash directly to such a person, who has been on the ground before, during and after the quake,feeding and clothing others with her limited resources.

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From: sappie1952@yahoo. com

Date: Sun, 31 Jan 2010 10:18:12 -0800

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From: sekhmet Johnson

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Tafari/Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Ta-Seti"  
Cc: "peter" , "lady owl"  
Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 6:36 PM

Hello Tafari,

I promised not to "cc" you again, but I wanted to know if I could forward this post to a couple of "news blogs" and criminal justice blogs I am on? I will make whatever Name changes you think are appropriate, but I am not familiar with the towns mentioned except Port Au Prince and that is only because it is the capitol. I know the rural folks need more help than those in the cities....large or small city.

OWNER - PLEASE NOTE - I can also "delete" this forum name if that is best....no problem.  
Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -  
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From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 5:25 PM

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Thursday, January 28, 2010 6:58 PM  
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To: Zili

I have not had internet access until now.....I am an american living in Haiti for over 20 years and established Trees for Life Haiti. see treesforlife. org. I had my computer with me to write what I am sending. I want to thank everyone on your site for the information and motivation to change the wa here. Mother Earth has broken the system and it is time for a new system and a new way of living beautiful country with its amazing and beautiful people.

GS - Haiti earthquake survivor and witness  
Trees for Life Haiti

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Today is the 3rd day after the earthquake in Haiti and I am in my tent on Boutillier. I am from the US and lived in California for many years thru a few low point quakes and tremors. I am used to the kind of response that I would experience in the US after such a great disaster, but today in Haiti it is both heartbreaking and heartwarming to see the reaction of the people who have never been thru any kind of disaster on this level and most do not understand what has happened. Where I am and where I have seen in parts of Petionville Delmas and listening to others who have been in other part of this city and the country. NO RESPONSE for 3 days. No police vehicles, no Red Cross, no NGO's no Minustah. No one on the streets to offer any help or direction. Only the radio announcers telling everyone to stay outside. Thousands have slept in the parks in Petionville with the stench of dead bodies. Some have no damage to homes but are told to sleep outside and breath the contaminated air.

It is almost 4pm and the Americans have just secured the airport. The first response we hear on the radio is to put toothpaste under our noses while they spray "something" in the air for the smell and rotting of dead bodies that have been laying in the streets for 3 days. What are they going to spray us with???? "something" is all the Haitians are told. Something will be sprayed soon and what will it do to the survivors and all those still sleeping and living outside? The country is now in control of the US Marines or whatever entity which has announced the "takeover of Haiti, Food and water is not entering by the airport but diverted to the D R and trucked in. I guess this is as close to a "rapid response" for the people who are out of food and water today.

Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

On Boutillier 7 people died in a church that collapsed. Walls built around the big mansions collapsed and houses built close to the Laboulle sand quarry buried. Many people lost homes and family. This morning the only boutique having 5 gallon water were purged by the rich families. The boutique had 9 gallons 5 and were being all purchased by one rich person til I ask her please to leave 3 bottles for others to buy. I could only buy one bottle for 11 people who are sleeping next to our tent and are part of my husbands family. I see no caring or concern for the poor people who are tramitized and very scared that another quake will happen and more loss and injuries.

CNN reported after the quake the following morning that help had already arrived. We can see the airport and we drove the streets in the afternoon and we saw no help. Today around 2pm we drove by the airport seeing no response or help in any of the areas we drove.

One thing that is amazing to me is that there is very little looting or damage by people to property and everyone is staying together and taking some actions like clearing the rubble and taking bodies to the Morgue. The destruction is massive in some areas of the city but in the upper part where people are basically just in shock and looking for food and water, a response is manageable and could save lives.

I don't know if we will have water or food tomorrow or the next day. I cannot reach anyone by my Digicel phone but I have heard that we can get help sometime soon but not how or when.

The window of opportunity has opened for a great takeover and we shall see how the Americans and the foreign response value the lives of the survivors.

I am an American living in Haiti for many years. We established trees for Life Haiti and have been planting trees and teaching agro techniwue and increase of food production in the rural areas. I have visited 42 localities over the years and what we do goes against the international agenda. We are not an NGO nor are we registered with the government. We have very little funding but we do what we can to teach others to care and respect our Great Mother Earth. She has made Her great Power known to this country and I hope and pray that this great tragedy will finally change the way Haitians and the powers that be have destroyed her for survival and greed. Haitian cannot continue to rape this country of trees and natural resources if they wish to survive this next generation.

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and gas and we are able to give food to 16 people. We drove to Petionville and saw some bags of rice in the areas where people are camping in the park. NO ONE who lives in small home will sleep inside. We have had two tremors today and people are still traumatized and very afraid. A young girl with an injured and bleeding foot ask for money. She was alone and very disoriented. We see the outside markets are now selling their goods and food but very few are buying for lack of money. My friend who has a small market with a Western Union station says he has no business but maybe 200 people waiting to receive transfers. These people are lucky to have loved ones to send money. Millions do not have outside support of any kind and must depend on relief aid, which I have not seen in this part of city. We see very few cars in the streets and we did not see any official cars or aid workers or response teams or police.

I was told by a friend today who witnessed the mob justice of an armed robber. He was arrested by two police and then turned over to the crowd. They beat him and then burned him til nothing was left but his bones. I have heard a few accounts of police shooting innocent people, including a 15 year old girl who was in a market. The UN trained and armed police seem to have never heard of human rights or been trained to handle any kind of disaster situation. But they do know how to shoot their new guns and proudly wear their uniforms.

I visited the offices of a magazine that is hosting some French journalists but I felt no desire to speak to anyone. I do know some of what is really happening here is being reported but I suspect that countries like France, the US and European Union would not want it reported how unorganized and inhumane the rescue and response has been or not been. There will be the standard excuses and much talk from government officials as to the lack of infrastructure and the fear of violence while more suffer from lack of medical care and food. I still wonder how all these millions of dollars pledged to this country will be used and who will be spending it and where. Haiti does not need any more vultures to pick at the bones of the poor, Haiti needs sincere benevolent assistance with no hidden agenda of opportunist greed.

I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are the only people who will use our truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. He body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only

have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law's body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personnel on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

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Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

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CNN reported after the quake the following morning that help had already arrived. We can see the airport and we drove the streets in the afternoon and we saw no help. Today around 2pm we drove by the airport seeing no response or help in any of the areas we drove.

One thing that is amazing to me is that there is very little looting or damage by people to property and everyone is staying together and taking some actions like clearing the rubble and taking bodies to the Morgue. The destruction is massive in some areas of the city but in the upper part where people are basically just in shock and looking for food and water, a response is manageable and could save lives.

I don't know if we will have water or food tomorrow or the next day. I cannot reach anyone by my Digicel phone but I have heard that we can get help sometime soon but not how or when.

The window of opportunity has opened for a great takeover and we shall see how the Americans and the



foreign response value the lives of the survivors.

I am an American living in Haiti for many years. We established trees for Life Haiti and have been planting trees and teaching agro techniwue and increase of food production in the rural areas. I have visited 42 localities over the years and what we do goes against the international agenda. We are not an NGO nor are we registered with the government. We have very little funding but we do what we can to teach others to care and respect our Great Mother Earth. She has made Her great Power known to this country and I hope and pray that this great tragedy will finally change the way Haitians and the powers that be have destroyed her for survival and greed. Haitian cannot continue to rape this country of trees and natural resources if they wish to survive this next generation.

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I was told by a friend today who witnessed the mob justice of an armed robber. He was arrested by two police and then turned over to the crowd. They beat him and then burned him til nothing was left but his bones. I have heard a few accounts of police shooting innocent people, including a 15 year old girl who was in a market. The UN trained and armed police seem to have never heard of human rights or been trained to handle any kind of disaster situation. But they do know how to shoot their new guns and proudly wear their uniforms.

I visited the offices of a magazine that is hosting some French journalists but I felt no desire to speak to anyone. I do know some of what is really happening here is being reported but I suspect that countries like France, the US and European Union would not want it reported how unorganized and inhumane the rescue and response has been.or not been. There will be the standard excuses and much talk from government officials as to the lack of infrastructure and the fear of violence while more suffer from lack of medical care and food. I still wonder how all these millions of dollars pledged to this country will be used and who will be spending it and where. Haiti does not need any more vultures to pick at the bones of the poor, Haiti needs sincere benevolent assistance with no hidden agenda of opportunist greed.

I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are the only people who will use our truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. He body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law' s body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personal on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

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I live in a house in Vivy Michel with my friend Neil and his family. He came to see us today on the mountain and he is the first person I have talked to who was downtown and at the General Hospital the night of the earthquake. His wife's aunt was leg injured and in downtown and was taken to GH by family. So he had to spend the night outside the hospital waiting for her to get treated. What he then told me was very gruesome but I feel like people have to know how the Haitian government Hospital doctors treated these disaster victims. My friend told me he saw so many people coming to the hospital and these are the very poor and also in the area of the greatest devastation so I will say the doctors were totally unprepared and overwhelmed. Most of the victims had severe limb damage or had lost an arm, leg or hand and were carrying their severed limbs in some hope they could be re attached. But the most horrific scene he describes is that the doctors started amputating damaged and gangrene limbs of these people every 15 minutes or so with NO anesthesia and then gave the patients a prescription and sends them away with family or friends if they have any with them. The ones that don't are laid in the corridors or even outside the hospital on the ground to recover. The scene is so surreal that he describes to me and I just cover my mouth and can't speak.

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allowed the poor people to build unsafe structures on mountainsides surrounding the city.

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I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are the only people who will use our truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. Her body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law's body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personnel on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

She also told me that she passed the parks in Petionville today and they were finally trying to distribute food but the crowds were unmanageable. A friend who lives in Petionville said the organization giving out food is a private one and not part of the International team for assistance. He said they have been giving food to the people camping in the park for a few days but there is no organized system and fighting for food is happening now.

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Today is the 13th day after the quake and we still felt two slight tremors. Some people I know with no damage to their homes are returning. Some friends came up to visit today and have no home any longer. We talked about how this is a great tragedy but the system must and will change because we are now witnessing the total inept way the government is not giving the help to the people.

I live in a house in Vivy Michel with my friend Neil and his family. He came to see us today on the mountain and he is the first person I have talked to who was downtown and at the General Hospital the night of the earthquake. His wife's aunt was leg injured and in downtown and was taken to GH by family. So he had to spend the night outside the hospital waiting for her to get treated. What he then told me was very gruesome but I feel like people have to know how the Haitian government Hospital doctors treated these disaster victims. My friend told me he saw so many people coming to the hospital and these are the very poor and also in the area of the greatest devastation so I will say the doctors were totally unprepared and overwhelmed. Most of the victims had severe limb damage or had lost an arm, leg or hand and were carrying their severed limbs in some hope they could be re attached. But the most horrific scene he describes is that the doctors started amputating damaged and gangrene limbs of these people every 15 minutes or so with NO anesthesia and then gave the patients a prescription and sends them away with family or friends if they have any with them. The ones that don't are laid in the corridors or even outside the hospital on the ground to recover. The scene is so surreal that he describes to me and I just cover my mouth and can't speak.

I just cannot imagine that this is a government that the UN insists should be in charge and given support to take care of its citizens when it has been so inept for so many years. It was this government that allowed the poor people to build unsafe structures on mountainsides surrounding the city.

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Today is the 14th day after the quake and I finally could reach a few friends when the circuits are not busy. I will probably have to go visit one of the nicer people living in the big houses here who has kindly said I could use his internet.

I received another transfer today from my daughter. She was able to raise \$130 from her co workers and today we needed to replenish our food. I am so thankful for anyone who sends help. However, the dollar exchange is dropping everyday and we are paying higher prices for everything. We are still able to give food to 20 people today.

We still do not see anyone on the mountain except the teams coming to install new communication systems for the recovery effort. I met two very nice men from the U.S . sent by FEMA and who are part of this team. I ask them is there was any help they saw reaching anyone in the city and they said no. They told me the UN, the US, England and France are fighting with the Haitian government for control of distribution. One man also was in Indonesia and Katrina and said he saw the same slow response after these disasters. You would think at least we would see Red Cross teams or medical teams, or tents and ways to have some shelter and food. He said only a few private groups and local churches are giving food but the crowds are huge and hungry. He recommended I did not leave the mountain or go past Petionville even to ask for help. Then he offered me two army ration meals which we tried but only ate the deserts. Sorry I sound ungrateful but I am not in the military nor am I any where near being hungry enough to eat the salty mushy, plastic, beef stew ,yet. It was a nice gesture though even though he did make sure to ask the members of the team if they were going to eat their rations before he offered.

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It is now two weeks past the event that has shaken this country and I hope it has shaken the world to witness how a country so close the Washington D.C. and with so many relatives of Americans living here can be made to suffer because the "powers" that control the goods and money sent cannot agree on how it should be done.

Oh yeah, we heard from a friend of ours whose brother was eligible to return to the states on the plan offered to any Haitian with citizenship in the States who can receive one family member from Haiti. Our friend's brother wants to come back because his family in the states does not cook Haitian food and he doesn't like the American food. Imagine that

God Bless us.

\*" Haitians, as a people, struggle to transform this below, knowing no matter the misery, loss and suffering in time, that out of time, Nan Ginen, our safety lies - lives- wholly unformed by any storylines, (even our own), since before this 'New World's' time began." (Excerpt from Bwa Kayiman, 2007 and the case of Lovinsky Pierre Antoine.) In addition, power concedes nothing, unless it has to, and the Haitian experience with the "Mulatto" Oligarchs also reveals that the Mulatto's definition of liberty and freedom differs from that of the African-Haitian masses. Ultimately, social stratification, oppressive laws, injustice, profit-over- people rulers, organized exclusion of the masses, the impunity of the economic elite, structural elitism, the monstrosities of US/Euro ethno-centricism, (racism, Nazism, financial colonialism, neo-colonialism, ethnic cleansing, forced assimilation) and deliberate containment- in-poverty won't be eradicated unless profit-over- people VALUES are changed."

Quote: Ezili Dant □>

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Today is the 15th day after the quake and still no relief sent to where we are. I know I will receive some funds today from Trees for Life and we will keep feeding people and doing what we can.

I received a phone call today from a missionary in O'kay in the south and she told me someone from her church was trying to contact me. She told me that they are getting help from other missions and that planes were landing there with relief. She said the number of "refugees" meaning those Haitians that were from there are returning to their families but the number is so great and their families don't have anything either.

I heard the plan announced on the radio, and this is a government response, that there are specific stations that will bus people back to their home province with 500gds(\$15.00) and some food. That amount of money will buy food for 4 people for one or two days. There are now some clinics and temporary medical facilities to treat people. And the Red Cross is mentioned, too. It appears the government is trying to get as many people to leave the city.

We have not heard that that the tons of goods that have been flown into the International airport are being distributed yet. Mostly local organizations are giving some help but the international teams are not presently organized or giving help as of today. The government response is slow and incredibly ineffective. There is still a good supply of goods and food in the markets in our area but people have no money to purchase.

I have friends who are giving help on their own anyway they can. One college student I know is organizing a way to get clothes to some of the people living in the parks in Petionville. So many Haitians I know are helping everywhere with frustration because of such a lack of organized ways of delivery of relief. People are calling me to find out how they can volunteer or get some kind of jobs with the relief teams but there is no central location for these teams, yet or any information given on the radio.

We have heard that an area called Leogone is 90% destroyed and no help there yet.

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We are very lucky to have a big cistern for our use for water to wash etc, but no free drinking water or food has arrived on Boutillier as of today

My brother just called me and said that Trees for Life has just wired a substantial donation to our account and we will be able to help many others now Thank you God and thank you to the generous donor.

We just spoke to the local authority for the area damaged on Boutillier and he gave a list of families we will be helping.

Today is the 16th day after the earthquake and we are listening to the radio of people being interviewed by local journalists still crying for food and water. The slums are reporting that they have received food from some local agencies but now they have no water. Jacmel people are demonstrating today because they have received no help, yet. Jacmel is about 3 hours drive from PAP. If the roads are not passable, we see many helicopters that could drop supplies but we have heard that the UN has blocked the Americans from doing this. Fritz's nephew told me he went downtown yesterday and did not see so many people as many have been evacuated but he said the smell was so bad he could not be there long.

My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand . My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and irridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning..basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no".God Bless us.

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Today is the 16th day since the earthquake and I have a list of all the people living in the different zones on Boutillier mountain. I know a man living in the big houses who has a business and came to tell me I could go with him tomorrow to the UN compound next to the airport and request assistance for food, water and tents in the name of Trees for Life Haiti. Since we have an organization we were told this is the only way that help is reaching people so we will go thru the disaster zones and get some help up here. I have dispersed a few funds to some very needy and homeless people so far but the need is so great that we must get some aid relief up here. Since I have the official paperwork for the projects we were to implement before the quake it should make it easier to get what we need up here. I already had my laptop and all the papers from the UN with me, along with my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.

I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast

amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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Forwarded by Ezili's Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network

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| 31700|2010-02-01 07:35:13|Alex van Deelen|Haiti's Riches Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?|

> Posted by: "Peter Gray" [atenergy@hotmail.com](mailto:atenergy@hotmail.com) atenergy2002

> Sun Jan 31, 2010 7:30 am (PST)

> Thanks for this expose of Guy Phillippe, Alex.

> Only the truth can set us free.

Right. There should be a lot more information about how these coups are funded, by who and why.

Also, the role of the Clinton Administration in the imposition of neoliberalism has to be exposed.

Haiti is repeatedly called 'the poorest country in the western hemisphere', more to denigrate it and avoid talking about the core of the problem.

Haiti has many mineral resources, including gold. If these resources were used to diversify the

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<http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=17287>

But guess what - that isn't happening. Instead, the US chooses to do crooked deals with their favorite dictator of the moment, in order to facilitate it's corporations to extract those materials without paying the Haitian people for them.

That is the problem, and has always been the problem.

Alex

The Fateful Geological Prize Called Haiti  
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Machiavelli was not about being a predator but rather maintaining power and you do not need to oppress the entire populace to do that however, this is about vengeance pure and simple!. Look at how they still come after our sister Assata Shakur after she sought political assylum in Cuba, imagine putting a million dollar bounty on her head! That goes against the sanctions put in place by the UN. Oh well, we can not get too uppity as black folks or we will pay the price is what they are telling us in so many actions.

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And I'm not being crude, just realistic.

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Today is the 15th day after the quake and still no relief sent to where we are. I know I will receive some funds today from Trees for Life and we will keep feeding people and doing what we can.

I received a phone call today from a missionary in O'key in the south and she told me someone from her church was trying to contact me. She told me that they are getting help from other missions and that planes were landing there with relief. She said the number of "refugees" meaning those Haitians that were from there are returning to their families but the number is so great and their families don't have anything either.

I heard the plan announced on the radio, and this is a government response, that there are specific stations that will bus people back to their home province with 500gds(\$15.00) and some food. That amount of money will buy food for 4 people for one or two days. There are now some clinics and temporary medical facilities to treat people. And the Red Cross is mentioned, too. It appears the government is trying to get as many people to leave the city.

We have not heard that that the tons of goods that have been flown into the International airport are being distributed yet. Mostly local organizations are giving some help but the international teams are not presently organized or giving help as of today. The government response is slow and incredibly ineffective. There is still a good supply of goods and food in the markets in our area but people have no money to purchase.

I have friends who are giving help on their own anyway they can. One college student I know is organizing a way to get clothes to some of the people living in the parks in Petionville. So many Haitians I know are helping everywhere with frustration because of such a lack of organized ways of delivery of relief. People are calling me to find out how they can volunteer or get some kind of jobs with the relief

teams but there is no central location for these teams, yet or any information given on the radio.

We have heard that an area called Leogone is 90% destroyed and no help there yet.

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We are very lucky to have a big cistern for our use for water to wash etc, but no free drinking water or food has arrived on Boutillier as of today

My brother just called me and said that Trees for Life has just wired a substantial donation to our account and we will be able to help many others now Thank you God and thank you to the generous donor.

We just spoke to the local authority for the area damaged on Boutillier and he gave a list of families we will be helping.

Today is the 16th day after the earthquake and we are listening to the radio of people being interviewed by local journalists still crying for food and water. The slums are reporting that they have received food from some local agencies but now they have no water. Jacmel people are demonstrating today because they have received no help, yet. Jacmel is about 3 hours drive from PAP. If the roads are not passable, we see many helicopters that could drop supplies but we have heard that the UN has blocked the Americans from doing this. Fritz's nephew told me he went downtown yesterday and did not see so many people as many have been evacuated but he said the smell was so bad he could not be there long.

My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand. My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and irridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning..basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no". God Bless us.

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Today is the 16th day since the earthquake and I have a list of all the people living in the different zones on Boutillier mountain. I know a man living in the big houses who has a business and came to tell me I could go with him tomorrow to the UN compound next to the airport and request assistance for food, water and tents in the name of Trees for Life Haiti. Since we have an organization we were told this is the only way that help is reaching people so we will go thru the disaster zones and get some help up here. I have dispersed a few funds to some very needy and homeless people so far but the need is so great that we must get some aid relief up here. Since I have the official paperwork for the projects we were to implement before the quake it should make it easier to get what we need up here. I already had my laptop and all the papers from the UN with me, along with my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.



I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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Wiselady,

Machiavelli was a diplomat throughout his career, juggling allegiances to remain alive. But his book, *The Prince*, details the lessons of history (in his eyes), and it is a series of discourses about what it takes to capture and retain a "principality, based on his observations throughout his life. You seem to think I agree with his callous outlook (based on advantage at all costs). You can easily Google the title.

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
From: wiseladyowl@yahoo.com  
Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2010 11:10:42 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

Machiavelli was not about being a predator but rather maintaining power and you do not need to oppress the entire populace to do that however, this is about vengeance pure and simple!. Look at how they still come after our sister Assata Shakur after she sought political assylum in Cuba, imagine putting a million dollar bounty on her head! That goes against the sanctions put in place by the UN. Oh well, we can not get too uppity as black folks or we will pay the price is what they are telling us in so many actions.

Peace and Light,  
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To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010, 1:33 PM

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As horrific as it seems, we have to put the situation in the context of historical Machiavellianism -- the rule of the predator. Sadly, it has always been the case in the food chain (both in nature and in human relations) for the strong to subdue and cull the weak. So it should not be too surprising that this is still the agenda of the strong. It's never been otherwise.

And I'm not being crude, just realistic.

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I am hurting sooo much right now and do not know what to say, think or do the tragedy of ppl who look like me being disregarded so that some force can take over in the future is disgusting. We know that those who are there are not there to help our ppl only to watch until the time comes to make their move on an already devastated and burdened populace.

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To: Zili

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GS - Haiti earthquake survivor and witness  
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Today is the 3rd day after the earthquake in Haiti and I am in my tent on Boutillier. I am from the US and lived in California for many years thru a few low point quakes and tremors. I am used to the kind of response that I would experience in the US after such a great disaster, but today in Haiti it is both heartbreaking and heartwarming to see the reaction of the people who have never been thru any kind of disaster on this level and most do not understand what has happened. Where I am and where I have seen in parts of Petionville Delmas and listening to others who have been in other part of this city and the country. NO RESPONSE for 3 days. No police vehicles, no Red Cross, no NGO's no Minustah. No one on the streets to offer any help or direction. Only the radio announcers telling everyone to stay outside. Thousands have slept in the parks in Petionville with the stench of dead bodies. Some have no damage to homes but are told to sleep outside and breath the contaminated air.

It is almost 4pm and the Americans have just secured the airport. The first response we hear on the radio is to put toothpaste under our noses while they spray "something" in the air for the smell and rotting of dead bodies that have been laying in the streets for 3 days. What are they going to spray us with???? "something" is all the Haitians are told. Something will be sprayed soon and what will it do to the survivors and all those still sleeping and living outside? The country is now in control of the US Marines or whatever entity which has announced the "takeover of Haiti, Food and water is not entering by the airport but diverted to the D R and trucked in. I guess this is as close to a "rapid response" for the people who are out of food and water today.

Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

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I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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| 31704|2010-02-01 13:11:47|Peter Gray|Re: Haiti's Riches Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?|  
Alex,

Many diverse economic opportunities (fisheries, etc.), true. But still, the most effective and immediate action that could reduce debt servicing and improve the economy is a direct investment in wind power. Not so sure about the oil, though. I've been in petroleum engineering since 1978, and I suspect "oil in Haiti" is something of an urban legend. I'd love to see the geological maps myself.

Peter

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From: avdeelen@ziggo.nl

Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2010 16:33:31 +0100

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Haiti's Riches Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

> Posted by: "Peter Gray" [atenergy@hotmail.com](mailto:atenergy@hotmail.com) atenergy2002

> Sun Jan 31, 2010 7:30 am (PST)

> Thanks for this expose of Guy Phillippe, Alex.

> Only the truth can set us free.

Right. There should be a lot more information about how these coups are funded, by who and why.

Also, the role of the Clinton Administration in the imposition of neoliberalism has to be exposed.

Haiti is repeatedly called 'the poorest country in the western hemisphere', more to denigrate it and avoid talking about the core of the problem.

Haiti has many mineral resources, including gold. If these resources were used to diversify the economy in a way that allowed every Haitian to participate in the economy, there would be no poverty at all. There are opportunities in the development of agriculture, fisheries, manufacturing and tourism, and Haiti's raw material



wealth could easily be applied for that purpose.  
Now Haiti even has oil.

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But guess what - that isn't happening. Instead, the US chooses to do crooked deals with their favorite dictator of the moment, in order to facilitate it's corporations to extract those materials without paying the Haitian people for them.

That is the problem, and has always been the problem.

Alex

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yes I studied him in school which is why I made the statement,"

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To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Monday, February 1, 2010, 3:54 PM

Wiselady,

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Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2010 11:10:42 -0800  
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Machiavelli was not about being a predator but rather maintaining power and you do not need to oppress the entire populace to do that however, this is about vengeance pure and simple!. Look at how they still come after our sister Assata Shakur after she sought political asylum in Cuba, imagine putting a million dollar bounty on her head! That goes against the sanctions put in place by the UN. Oh well, we can not get too uppity as black folks or we will pay the price is what they are telling us in so many actions.

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To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010, 1:33 PM

Wiselady,

As horrific as it seems, we have to put the situation in the context of historical Machiavellianism -- the rule of the predator. Sadly, it has always been the case in the food chain (both in nature and in human relations) for the strong to subdue and cull the weak. So it should not be too surprising that this is still the agenda of the strong. It's never been otherwise.

And I'm not being crude, just realistic.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com

From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com

Date: Sun, 31 Jan 2010 09:29:27 -0800

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

I am hurting sooo much right now and do not know what to say, think or do the tragedy of ppl who look like me being disregarded so that some force can take over in the future is disgusting. We know that those who are there are not there to help our ppl only to watch until the time comes to make their move on an already devastated and burdened populace.

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From: Tafari khumbaka

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com

Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 6:25 PM

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From: FORKSYROADS@ aol.com

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To: forksyroads@ aol.com

Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 3:36 PM

Thursday, January 28, 2010 6:58 PM

From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: Zili

I have not had internet access until now.....I am an american living in Haiti for over 20 years and established Trees for Life Haiti. see treesforlife. org. I had my computer with me to write what I am sending. I want to thank everyone on your site for the information and motivation to change the wa here. Mother Earth has broken the system and it is time for a new system and a new way of living beautiful country with its amazing and beautiful people.

GS - Haiti earthquake survivor and witness  
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Today is the 3rd day after the earthquake in Haiti and I am in my tent on Boutillier. I am from the U lived in California for many years thru a few low point quakes and tremors. I am used to the kind of response that I would experience in the US after such a great disaster, but today in Haiti it is both heartbreaking and heartwarming to see the reaction of the people who have never been thru any k disaster on this level and most do not understand what has happened. Where I am and where I ha

seen in parts of Petionville Delmas and listening to others who have been in other part of this city and the country. NO RESPONSE for 3 days. No police vehicles, no Red Cross, no NGO's no Minustah. No one on the streets to offer any help or direction. Only the radio announcers telling everyone to stay outside. Thousands have slept in the parks in Petionville with the stench of dead bodies. Some have no damage to homes but are told to sleep outside and breath the contaminated air.

It is almost 4pm and the Americans have just secured the airport. The first response we hear on the radio is to put toothpaste under our noses while they spray "something" in the air for the smell and rotting of dead bodies that have been laying in the streets for 3 days. What are they going to spray us with???? "something" is all the Haitians are told. Something will be sprayed soon and what will it do to the survivors and all those still sleeping and living outside? The country is now in control of the US Marines or whatever entity which has announced the "takeover of Haiti, Food and water is not entering by the airport but diverted to the D R and trucked in. I guess this is as close to a "rapid response" for the people who are out of food and water today.

Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

On Boutillier 7 people died in a church that collapsed. Walls built around the big mansions collapsed and houses built close to the Laboulle sand quarry buried. Many people lost homes and family. This morning the only boutique having 5 gallon water were purged by the rich families. The boutique had 9 gallons 5 and were being all purchased by one rich person til I ask her please to leave 3 bottles for others to buy. I could only buy one bottle for 11 people who are sleeping next to our tent and are part of my husbands family. I see no caring or concern for the poor people who are tramitized and very scared that another quake will happen and more loss and injuries.

CNN reported after the quake the following morning that help had already arrived. We can see the airport and we drove the streets in the afternoon and we saw no help. Today around 2pm we drove by the airport seeing no response or help in any of the areas we drove.

One thing that is amazing to me is that there is very little looting or damage by people to property and everyone is staying together and taking some actions like clearing the rubble and taking bodies to the Morgue. The destruction is massive in some areas of the city but in the upper part where people are basically just in shock and looking for food and water, a response is manageable and could save lives.

I don't know if we will have water or food tomorrow or the next day. I cannot reach anyone by my Digicel phone but I have heard that we can get help sometime soon but not how or when.

The window of opportunity has opened for a great takeover and we shall see how the Americans and the foreign response value the lives of the survivors.

I am an American living in Haiti for many years. We established trees for Life Haiti and have been planting trees and teaching agro techniwue and increase of food production in the rural areas. I have visited 42 localities over the years and what we do goes against the international agenda. We are not an NGO nor are we registered with the government. We have very little funding but we do what we can to teach others to care and respect our Great Mother Earth. She has made Her great Power known to this country and I hope and pray that this great tragedy will finally change the way Haitians and the powers that be have destroyed her for survival and greed. Haitian cannot continue to rape this country of trees and natural resources if they wish to survive this next generation.

Today is the 11th day since the quake and I finally received a money transfer from Trees for Life for food and gas and we are able to give food to 16 people. We drove to Petionville and saw some bags of rice in the areas where people are camping in the park. NO ONE who lives in small home will sleep inside. We have had two tremors today and people are still traumatized and very afraid. A young girl with an injured and bleeding foot ask for money. She was alone and very disoriented. We see the outside markets are now selling their goods and food but very few are buying for lack of money. My friend who has a small market with a Western Union station says he has no business but maybe 200 people waiting to receive

transfers. These people are lucky to have loved ones to send money. Millions do not have outside support of any kind and must depend on relief aid, which I have not seen in this part of city. We see very few cars in the streets and we did not see any official cars or aid workers or response teams or police.

I was told by a friend today who witnessed the mob justice of an armed robber. He was arrested by two police and then turned over to the crowd. They beat him and then burned him till nothing was left but his bones. I have heard a few accounts of police shooting innocent people, including a 15 year old girl who was in a market. The UN trained and armed police seem to have never heard of human rights or been trained to handle any kind of disaster situation. But they do know how to shoot their new guns and proudly wear their uniforms.

I visited the offices of a magazine that is hosting some French journalists but I felt no desire to speak to anyone. I do know some of what is really happening here is being reported but I suspect that countries like France, the US and European Union would not want it reported how unorganized and inhumane the rescue and response has been, or not been. There will be the standard excuses and much talk from government officials as to the lack of infrastructure and the fear of violence while more suffer from lack of medical care and food. I still wonder how all these millions of dollars pledged to this country will be used and who will be spending it and where. Haiti does not need any more vultures to pick at the bones of the poor, Haiti needs sincere benevolent assistance with no hidden agenda of opportunist greed.

I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are the only people who will use our truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. Her body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane

had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law's body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personnel on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

She also told me that she passed the parks in Petionville today and they were finally trying to distribute food but the crowds were unmanageable. A friend who lives in Petionville said the organization giving out food is a private one and not part of the International team for assistance. He said they have been giving food to the people camping in the park for a few days but there is no organized system and fighting for food is happening now.

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I live in a house in Vivy Michel with my friend Neil and his family. He came to see us today on the mountain and he is the first person I have talked to who was downtown and at the General Hospital the night of the earthquake. His wife's aunt was leg injured and in downtown and was taken to GH by family. So he had to spend the night outside the hospital waiting for her to get treated. What he then told me was very gruesome but I feel like people have to know how the Haitian government Hospital doctors treated these disaster victims. My friend told me he saw so many people coming to the hospital and these are the very poor and also in the area of the greatest devastation so I will say the doctors were totally unprepared and overwhelmed. Most of the victims had severe limb damage or had lost an arm, leg or hand and were carrying their severed limbs in some hope they could be re attached. But the most horrific scene he describes is that the doctors started amputating damaged and gangrene limbs of these people every 15 minutes or so with NO anesthesia and then gave the patients a prescription and sends them away with family or friends if they have any with them. The ones that don't are laid in the corridors or even outside the hospital on the ground to recover. The scene is so surreal that he describes to me and I just cover my mouth and can't speak.

I just cannot imagine that this is a government that the UN insists should be in charge and given support to take care of its citizens when it has been so inept for so many years. It was this government that allowed the poor people to build unsafe structures on mountainsides surrounding the city.

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Today is the 14th day after the quake and I finally could reach a few friends when the circuits are not busy. I will probably have to go visit one of the nicer people living in the big houses here who has kindly said I could use his internet.

I received another transfer today from my daughter. She was able to raise \$130 from her co workers and today we needed to replenish our food. I am so thankful for anyone who sends help. However, the dollar exchange is dropping everyday and we are paying higher prices for everything. We are still able to give food to 20 people today.

We still do not see anyone on the mountain except the teams coming to install new communication systems for the recovery effort. I met two very nice men from the U.S . sent by FEMA and who are part of

this team. I ask them is there was any help they saw reaching anyone in the city and they said no. They told me the UN, the US, England and France are fighting with the Haitian government for control of distribution. One man also was in Indonesia and Katrina and said he saw the same slow response after these disasters. You would think at least we would see Red Cross teams or medical teams, or tents and ways to have some shelter and food. He said only a few private groups and local churches are giving food but the crowds are huge and hungry. He recommended I did not leave the mountain or go past Petionville even to ask for help. Then he offered me two army ration meals which we tried but only ate the deserts. Sorry I sound ungrateful but I am not in the military nor am I anywhere near being hungry enough to eat the salty mushy, plastic, beef stew, yet. It was a nice gesture though even though he did make sure to ask the members of the team if they were going to eat their rations before he offered.

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My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand . My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and iridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning..basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no".God Bless us.

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Today is the 16th day since the earthquake and I have a list of all the people living in the different zones on Boutillier mountain. I know a man living in the big houses who has a business and came to tell me I



could go with him tomorrow to the UN compound next to the airport and request assistance for food, water and tents in the name of Trees for Life Haiti. Since we have an organization we were told this is the only way that help is reaching people so we will go thru the disaster zones and get some help up here. I have dispersed a few funds to some very needy and homeless people so far but the need is so great that we must get some aid relief up here. Since I have the official paperwork for the projects we were to implement before the quake it should make it easier to get what we need up here. I already had my laptop and all the papers from the UN with me, along with my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.

I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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| 31706|2010-02-02 08:05:33|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?|

"...you mis-read my post..."

Ooops, my bad....again, ROTFL!!!!

I think it is because I am watching T V, and reading what is on the WWW about what is going on at present. Survivors still don't have phone or internet, and I am talking about the masses, not the talking heads giving reports on what is going on.

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sun, 1/31/10**, **Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010, 9:19 AM

Sekhmet,

I think you mis-read my post. I was saying that it would in fact "take a little time" for normal grocery shopping and daily market activities to return to normal.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 2010 14:00:05 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...Re-establishing the daily market system...."

Sorry Peter, I disagree. It is too soon to expect those people to have money to go grocery shopping at this time. They had "food riots" before the quake, quiet as it is kept....so this sounds/looks like a prelude to some violence since young people ...specifically, young men...are not going to starve with food available. I don't know where this is available in Haiti, I mean what part of the country it is being made available, but some rural areas are still waiting for free donated foods as of yesterday. Shipments are still having problems because the roads are messed up from the quake....and people are still mentally traumatized and getting some really big aftershocks that is keeping them on edge. I am not running things, but a "market" in the midst of all that doesn't sound like a good idea to me at this time...but I am not in Haiti, maybe I am missing some relevant details about this new "market" thing.

The rest of your post, except the FEMA trailers IMO, I can concur with.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 8:43 AM

Wind power is certainly feasible in many parts of the island, and it would take just a couple of techies to install a single turbine. But continued food aid (and bottled water), as well as the tents you mention, are still much needed. Re-establishing the daily market system (shopping for groceries, etc.) will, admittedly take a little time. FEMA trucks are probably as good as anything else

the victims are likely to find for accommodation, so I'm all for it.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Thu, 28 Jan 2010 16:22:26 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...we want to avoid hurricanes.. .."

Yeah, Peter....I am sure they want to avoid them too, but where they are situated.... in from Jamaica,.... they are usually hit first when hurricanes do occur. I would think a climatologist working with a couple of other engineers could work on something workable for the area. The east coast has wind energy, and they get hurricane winds sometimes. I think it is doable, even in Haiti.

And yes, I heard the solar panels were donated also....the giving spirit ain't dead yet, thank goodness. I hope it continues for the next couple of years. Have you or anyone heard about FEMA trailers, even though they are more durable than a tent. (They have carcinogens in them or some other kind of toxins that are not kind to humans.)

Oh well, one thing at a time.....they have fresh food in Port Au Prince, but....no one has money to buy it so.....((shaking my head))...I am trying to figure out what was the point of opening a "store" of sorts where people have to pay for food at this critical time. I must be missing something again.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 12:21 PM

Thanks, Sekhmet.

Actually, though, we want to avoid hurricanes -- their wind speeds are too fierce to be harnessed by wind turbines with today's technology (which operates in the range below about 50 mph). And you're right, Haiti is very prone to hurricanes.

But wouldn't it be great if someone could capture/harness a single bolt of lightning?! One of those could probably power a medium-sized city for days. Haiti

also full of sunshine, and BTW I hear that some of the current aid is in the form of solar panels to power water sanitization kits, etc.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Tue, 26 Jan 2010 15:44:06 -0800  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

"...wind turbines.... Any takers?"

Hello Peter,

I am not an engineer but that sounds like an excellent idea. I had to check my map to see where both nations are located....pretty close, but Haiti would get hurricane winds first I think. Perhaps if they place them firmly embedded in the mountains where the houses were before they fell. Sekhmet

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--- On **Sat, 1/23/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Saturday, January 23, 2010, 10:01 AM

I'd like to make one constructive comment -- that for a country that spends 70% of its earned foreign exchange serving debt, the most immediate and effective means of stimulating the economy in the short- and long-term, is to reduce its annual oil bill.

Like Haiti, Jamaica also spends about 70% of its foreign exchange earnings serving debt, and is poised to spend \$2.6 billion (with a **B**) importing oil this year. At least they have had the wisdom to endorse the construction of wind farms [9 x 25 megawatt wind turbines are currently in the process of being installed]. So my suggestion is to form some technology coalition to do the same in Haiti. Any takers?

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: tafari\_sudra@ yahoo.com; hebrew77@yahoo. com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com

Date: Thu, 21 Jan 2010 09:21:07 -0800

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Some Frank Talk About Haiti

Finally, some honest information about Haiti from a talking head with a blog site. Their poverty is not "new" and of course big businesses will exploit the current tragedy setting them back even further once the "quake finally settles". That will, realistically speaking, be months from now....right in time for hurricane season to start if I miss my in-expert climate guess. Rather than send aide to a corrupt organization (and I have no problem with that), some people that can afford to give opt on sending "nothing at all" (((shaking my head))).

BTW,....Tafari, I got the recent list on who are reputable groups to send money to, I just haven't replied to it yet...thanks.

Anyhoo, what the Haitians desperately need after medical workers and supplies, are qualified structural engineers to build homes, schools and buildings. Teachers and agronomists or horticultural experts to replace the foliage destroyed to burn for fuel or to build "lean to" houses like in the past. And some genuine political leaders not more interested in lining their own damn pockets, rather than helping Haitians to re-build their own country to a self-sustaining state. The average citizen poverty level is not "new" and can't be solely the responsibility of another country regardless of what the current talking heads and anti-American rumor mongers are saying...inside and outside Haiti.

My 2 cent opinion only.

Sekhmet

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OPINION | January 21, 2010

### **Op-Ed Columnist: Some Frank Talk About Haiti**

By NICHOLAS D. KRISTOF

On [my blog](#), a woman named Mona pointed to Haitian corruption and declared "I won't send money because I know what will happen to it." Another reader attributed Haiti's poverty to "the low I.Q. of the 9 million people there," and added: "It is all very sad and cannot be fixed."

"Giving money to Haiti and other third-world countries is like throwing money in the toilet," another commenter said. A fourth asserted: "Haiti is a money Dumping billions of dollars into it has proven futile. ... America is deeply debt, and we can't afford it."

Not everyone is so frank, but the subtext of much of the discussion of Haiti is despair about both Haiti and foreign aid. Pat Robertson, the religious

broadcaster, went furthest by suggesting that Haiti's earthquake flowed from a pact with the devil more than two centuries ago. While it's not for a journalist to nitpick a minister's theological credentials, that implication of belated seismic revenge on Haitian children seems defamatory of God.

Americans have also responded with a huge outpouring of assistance, including more than \$22 million raised by the Red Cross from text messages alone. But for those with doubts, let's have a frank discussion of Haiti's problems:

Why is Haiti so poor? Is it because Haitians are dimwitted or incapable of getting their act together?

Haiti isn't impoverished because the devil got his due; it's impoverished partly because of debts due. France imposed a huge debt that strangled Haiti. And when foreigners weren't looting Haiti, its own rulers were.

The greatest predation was the deforestation of Haiti, so that only 2 percent of the country is forested today. Some trees have been and continue to be [cut by local peasants](#), but many were destroyed either by foreigners or to pay off debts to foreigners. Last year, I drove across the island of Hispaniola, and it was surreal: You traverse what in places is a Haitian moonscape until you reach [the border](#) with the Dominican Republic and jungle.

Without trees, Haiti lost its topsoil through erosion, crippling agriculture.

To visit Haiti is to know that its problem isn't its people. They are its treasure smart, industrious and hospitable and Haitians tend to be successful in the United States (and everywhere but in Haiti).

Can our billions in aid to Haitians accomplish anything? After all, a Wall Street Journal column argues, "To help Haiti, end foreign aid."

First, don't exaggerate [how much we give or they get](#).

Haiti ranks 42nd among poor countries in worldwide aid received per person (\$103 in 2008, more than one-quarter of which comes from the United States).

David Roodman of the Center for Global Development calculates that in 2008, official American aid to Haiti amounted to 92 cents per American.

The United States gives more to Haiti than any other country. But it ranks 11th in per capita giving. Canadians give five times as much per person as we do.

As for whether aid promotes economic growth, that's a bitter and unresolved argument. But even the leading critics of aid William Easterly, a New York University economist, and Dambisa Moyo, a banker turned author believe in assisting Haiti after the earthquake.

"I think we have a moral imperative," Ms. Moyo told me. "I do believe the international community should act."

Likewise, Professor Easterly said: "Of course, I am in favor of aid to Haiti earthquake victims!"

So, is Haiti hopeless? Is Bill O'Reilly right? He said: "Once again, we will do more than anyone else on the planet, and one year from today Haiti will be just as bad as it is right now."

No, he's not right. And this is the most pernicious myth of all. In fact, Haiti in recent years has been much better managed under President Ren 預r鸛l and has shown signs of being on the mend.

Far more than most other impoverished countries particularly those in Africa Haiti could plausibly turn itself around. It has an excellent geographic location, there are no regional wars, and it could boom if it could just export to the American market.

A [report for the United Nations](#) by a prominent British economist, Paul Collier, outlined the best strategy for Haiti: building garment factories. That idea (sweatshops! ) may sound horrific to Americans. But it's a strategy that has worked for other countries, such as Bangladesh, and Haitians in the slums would tell you that their most fervent wish is for jobs. A few dozen major shirt factories could be transformational for Haiti.

So in the coming months as we help Haitians rebuild, let's dispatch not only aid workers, but also business investors. Haiti desperately needs new schools and hospitals, but also new factories.

And let's challenge the myth that because Haiti has been poor, it always will be. That kind of self-fulfilling fatalism may be the biggest threat of all to Haiti, the real pact with the devil.

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IB,

The scientist are predicting a very extreme outbreak of these insect coming spring 2010!

Another stinker is the arms sells to Taiwan! CHICOM is stinking it up!

Pennies in water and ammonia appears to drive them away!

later,

hebrew

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**To:** hebrew77@yahoo.com

**Sent:** Sun, January 31, 2010 7:09:55 PM

**Subject:** hebrew ben yisrael thought you may be interested in this article.

These critters are everywhere! It is of "biblical status"! H-



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| 31708|2010-02-02 08:06:51|Tafari khumbaka|Fwd: Cinnamon and Honey Cure|  
tua/thanks honey was a major tool in ancient egypt.....



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

--- On **Sun, 1/31/10, Tanya Keynote** wrote:

From: Tanya Keynote

Subject: Fwd: Cinnamon and Honey Cure (Du musst lesen) - is

Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010, 8:45 AM



*Smiles to U*



*Tonya*

Honey is the only food on the planet that will not spoil or rot. It will do what some call turning to sugar. In reality honey is always honey. However, when left in a cool dark place for a long time it will do what I rather call "crystallizing". When this happens I loosen the lid, boil some water, and sit the honey container in the hot water, turn off the heat and let it liquefy. It is then as good as it ever was. Never boil honey or put it in a microwave. To do so will kill the enzymes in the honey.

Cinnamon and Honey

Bet the drug companies won't like this one getting around. Facts on Honey and Cinnamon: It is found that a mixture of honey and Cinnamon cures most diseases. Honey is produced in most of the countries of the world. Scientists of today also accept honey as a 'Ram Ban' (very effective) medicine for all kinds of diseases. Honey can be used without any side effects for any kind of diseases.

Today's science says that even though honey is sweet, if taken in the right dosage as a medicine, it does not harm diabetic patients. Weekly World News, a magazine in Canada, in its issue dated 17 January, 1995 has given the following list of diseases that can be cured by honey and cinnamon as researched by western scientists:

HEART DISEASES:

Make a paste of honey and cinnamon powder, apply on bread, instead of jelly and jam, and eat it regularly for breakfast. It reduces the cholesterol in the arteries and saves the patient from heart attack. Also, those who have already had an attack, if they do this process daily, they are kept miles away from the next attack. Regular use of the above process relieves loss of breath and strengthens the heart beat. In America and Canada, various nursing homes have treated patients successfully and have found that as you age, the arteries and veins lose their flexibility and get clogged; honey and cinnamon revitalize the arteries and veins.

#### ARTHRITIS:

Arthritis patients may take daily, morning and night, one cup of hot water with two spoons of honey and one small teaspoon of cinnamon powder. If taken regularly even chronic arthritis can be cured. In a recent research conducted at the Copenhagen University, it was found that when the doctors treated their patients with a mixture of one tablespoon Honey and half teaspoon Cinnamon powder before breakfast, they found that within a week, out of the 200 people so treated, practically 73 patients were totally relieved of pain, and within a month, mostly all the patients who could not walk or move around because of arthritis started walking without pain.

#### BLADDER INFECTIONS:

Take two tablespoons of cinnamon powder and one teaspoon of honey in a glass of lukewarm water and drink it. It destroys the germs in the bladder.

#### CHOLESTEROL:

Two tablespoons of honey and three teaspoons of Cinnamon Powder mixed in 16 ounces of tea water, given to a cholesterol patient, was found to reduce the level of cholesterol in the blood by 10 percent within two hours. As mentioned for arthritic patients, if taken three times a day, any chronic cholesterol is cured. According to information received in the said Journal, pure honey taken with food daily relieves complaints of cholesterol.

**COLDS:** Those suffering from common or severe colds should take one tablespoon lukewarm honey with 1/4 spoon cinnamon powder daily for three days. This process will cure most chronic cough, cold, and clear the sinuses.

#### UPSET STOMACH:

Honey taken with cinnamon powder cures stomach ache and also clears stomach ulcers from the root.

#### GAS:

According to the studies done in India and Japan, it is revealed that if Honey is taken with cinnamon powder the stomach is relieved of gas.

#### IMMUNE SYSTEM:

Daily use of honey and cinnamon powder strengthens the immune system and protects the body from bacteria and viral attacks. Scientists have found that honey has various vitamins and iron in large amounts. Constant use of Honey strengthens the white blood corpuscles to fight bacterial and viral diseases.

#### INDIGESTION:

Cinnamon powder sprinkled on two tablespoons of honey taken before food relieves acidity and digests the heaviest of meals.

#### INFLUENZA:

A scientist in Spain has proved that honey contains a natural 'Ingredient' which kills the influenza germs and saves the patient from flu.

#### LONGEVITY:

Tea made with honey and cinnamon powder, when taken regularly, arrests the ravages of old age. Take four spoonfuls of honey, one spoon of cinnamon powder, and three cups of water and boil to make like tea.. Drink 1/4 cup, three to four times a day. It keeps the skin fresh and soft and arrests old age. Life spans also increase and even a 100 year old, starts performing the chores of a 20-year-old.

#### PIMPLES:

Three tablespoons of honey and one teaspoon of cinnamon powder paste. Apply this paste on the pimples before sleeping and wash it next morning with warm water. If done daily for two weeks, it removes pimples from the root.

#### SKIN INFECTIONS:

Applying honey and cinnamon powder in equal parts on the affected parts cures eczema, ringworm and all types of skin infections.

#### WEIGHT LOSS:

Daily in the morning one half hour before breakfast on an empty stomach, and at night before sleeping, drink honey and cinnamon powder boiled in one cup of water. If taken regularly, it reduces the weight of even the most obese person. Also, drinking this mixture regularly does not allow the fat to accumulate in the body even though the person may eat a high calorie diet.

**CANCER:** Recent research in Japan and Australia has revealed that advanced cancer of the stomach and bones have been cured successfully. Patients suffering from these kinds of cancer should daily take one tablespoon of honey with one teaspoon of cinnamon powder for one month three times a day.

#### FATIGUE:

Recent studies have shown that the sugar content of honey is more helpful rather than being detrimental to the strength of the body. Senior citizens, who take honey and cinnamon powder in equal parts, are more alert and flexible. Dr. Milton, who has done research, says that a half tablespoon of honey taken in a glass of water and sprinkled with cinnamon powder, taken daily after brushing and in the afternoon at about 3:00 P.M. when the vitality of the body starts to decrease, increases the vitality of the body within a week.

#### BAD BREATH:

People of South America, first thing in the morning, gargle with one teaspoon of honey and cinnamon powder mixed in hot water, so their breath stays fresh throughout the day.

#### HEARING LOSS:

Daily morning and night honey and cinnamon powder, taken in equal parts restores hearing. Remember when we were kids? We had toast with real butter and

cinnamon sprinkled on it!

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|31709|2010-02-02 08:06:58|hebrew b'yisrael|Fenty should be prosecuted [Logan Act]|

Greetings Alderman Barry & Alderman Brown;

Adrienne Fenty's ratings are @ all-time low in all racial & economic groups in Washington D.C..

**He should be removed from office immediately!**

The **Logan Act** is a [United States federal law](#) that forbids unauthorized citizens from negotiating with foreign governments. It was passed in 1799 and last amended in 1994. Violation of the Logan Act is a [felony](#), punishable under federal law with imprisonment of up to three years.

The text of the Act is broad and is addressed at any attempt of a US citizen to conduct foreign relations without authority. However, there is no record of any [convictions](#) or even [prosecutions](#) under the Logan Act. <sup>[1]</sup><sup>[2]</sup>

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"He has to deal with the city council, and if you come across as extremely arrogant, no one is going to work with you," said Presant, 62.

In March, Fenty took his family on an unannounced trip to Dubai, accepting \$25,000 from the United Arab Emirates for the week-long jaunt. He did not disclose his travel until he had returned and did not divulge the UAE's sponsorship until news media inquiries. The scrutiny led to Fenty's disclosure that government

entities in China provided \$11,300 for his trip in 2008 to the Summer Olympics in Beijing, which he originally called a "personal trip."

If you will not act with extreme diligent speed, I will be forced to change my residency and run as a Populist Candidate against Fenty & any other Republican or Democratic nominee?

ALL POWER TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE! BLACK POWER, YELLOW POWER, BROWN POWER, WHITE POWER -- NOT CORPORATE SPECIAL INTEREST POWER!!!

PEACE THRU STRENGTH & PEACE IS MY PROFESSION!

I SHALL RALLY THOUSANDS TO CALL FOR THE IMMEDIATE REMOVAL OF FENTY! HIS ACTS BORDER ON TREASON & HAS VIOLATED HIS OATH OF OFFICE AND THE U. S. CONSTITUTION!

Shalom,

hebrew ben yisrael

| 31710|2010-02-02 08:07:10|Tafari khumbaka|Fwd: Community Organizers - Need A National Campaign / no Fema Trail|

--- On Sun, 1/31/10, FORKSYROADS@aol.com

[FORKSYROADS@aol.com](mailto:FORKSYROADS@aol.com) wrote:

From: FORKSYROADS@aol.com [FORKSYROADS@aol.com](mailto:FORKSYROADS@aol.com)

Subj: Community Organizers - Need A National Campaign

FORWARD THIS TO YOUR MAILING AND START THE CAMPAIGN NOW.

We need to make sure **formaldehyde** Katrina trailers are NOT sent to HAITI.

Write / E-mail Your Congress persons and FEMA that this is not acceptable.

If the trailers are deadly in the US they will also be deadly in HAITI.

OUR TRASH IS NOT HAITI'S TREASURE

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**To:** Dohugh@aol.com

**Sent:** Mon, February 1, 2010 11:08:39 AM

**Subject:** [BNYEE]-- Congressional Black Caucus revolts against President Obama

**As a participant in the 2008 "Great Harlem Debate" I pointed out that President-elect Obama was appointing enemies of African Americans to major positions in his administration, particularly his chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel and his chief economic adviser, Dr. Lawrence Summers. Finally, the Congressional Black Caucus has shown some spine in challenging President Obama's failure to address the needs of African Americans, taking us for granted. The attached article by Dr. Boyce Watkins is well worth reading.**  
**Donald H. Smith, Ph.D.**

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If there were no earthquake, would we even care?

NOVEMBER 9, 2009 11:27AM

## Letter to the UN asking for investigative reports on UN rape

*"I am the history of rape...  
I am the history of battery assault and limitless  
armies against whatever I want to do with my mind  
and my body and my soul and  
whether it's about walking out at night  
or whether it's about the love that I feel or  
whether it's about the sanctity of my vagina or  
the sanctity of my national boundaries  
or the sanctity of my leaders...I know from my heart...  
I have been raped." [Poem about My Rights](#) by June Jordan*

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### **HLLN Letter to the UN asking for investigative reports, specific actions taken and punishment metered, reparations provided to Haitian victims of rape and sexual abuse by UN soldiers in Haiti**

In 2005, the Ezili Danto Witness Project reported on a Jordanian soldier's brutal rape and sodomizing a Haitian mother of five in Haiti. The report was sent to the UN, the victim complained to the UN. The investigation process never led to a resolution that was ever revealed to HLLN or the victim. (Read the [English transcript](#).)

In 2007, it was discovered and reported that girls as young as 13 were having sex with U.N. peacekeepers for as little as \$1 in Haiti. Moreover, Sri Lankan soldiers were accused of systematically raping Haitian women and girls, some as young as 7 years old.

Today, the UN said that dozens of UN peacekeepers were punished for sexual abuses. ([UN peacekeepers involved in abuse are being punished, world body says](#), UN News Center, November 5, 2009, and [Dozens of UN peace keepers punished for abuses](#), CBC News, November 5, 2009.)

Indeed, what this UN statement reveals to Ezili's HLLN is that if only a dozen UN peacekeepers were punished for sexual abuse and rape, than that means, for instance, most of the 114 Sri Lankan soldiers deported back to Sri Lanka from Haiti in 2007 for sexual abuse and rape in Haiti did not get punished. The Jordanian and other perpetrators we are aware of through Haitian complaints also have not been redressed or punished.

The more important revelation is the UN's continued secrecy on this matter as "no data on the nationalities or identities of the peacekeepers were revealed."

HLLN is again publicly and via cover of this note to UN authorities requesting the release of the findings of the investigation and report as to exactly what was happening in Martissant, Haiti and other locations at the brothels set up by the Sri Lankan and other UN soldiers in Haiti before they were deported in 2007.

Via-cover of this note, Ezili's HLLN again stresses that the UN should take a leaf out of Oprah's book and not run from the allegations of rape and abuse by their employees. When girls at Oprah's school in South Africa alleged sexual abuse, [Oprah investigated](#), apologized to the students, their parents and the entire community that such depravity could have happened in her school, cleaned up the mess and set up new accountability standards and rigors so that such depraved assaults on children had a lesser chance of re-occurring.

The UN could at least do the same with all those international experts and PHDzzzs on its payroll. Investigate, apologize to the people of Haiti, fully and publicly report the result of the investigations, reveal the names of the culprits to the Haitian public, provide relief for the victims, set up new standards and accountability bars for the countries whose soldiers were involved in the rapes and sexual abuses in Haiti, not just release these diluted data where nothing is really revealed.

The UN's "zero tolerance" is lip service until it is backed up by actions that realistically assures Haitians they are truly concerned about these depraved assaults on minors and women by their UN soldiers, are providing counseling and assistance to the victims, have cleaned up all backlog of complaints and have stopped making the victims who come forward with allegations, for instance, of gang rape by three or four soldiers at a time, feel responsible, terming the acts "consensual" if money was exchanged and/or further making the victims feel responsible for the abuse and exploitation of power with appallingly racist statements to the effect that - "Haitians are natural prostitutes, used to trading sex for food, shelter and education." What such moral actions, new standards and accounting procedures would signal to Haitians is that indeed this indecency is clearly marked very seriously as a zero tolerance zone by UN superiors.

The newly release UN data on abuse falls short of such responsibility and is reprehensible. The investigation into the 114 Sri Lankan soldiers accused of sexually abusing minors and running a brothel in Haiti must be made public to the Haitian people and the victims offered assistance, especially the minors whose childhood innocence cannot be returned.

Humanitarian aid workers and UN peacekeepers accused of sexually abusing and sexual trafficking children in Haiti should have their names and their country's identities exposed so that this matter may be cleaned up once and for all.

HLLN looks forward to a response to this letter from the UN authorities and a copy of their investigation to share with our Network and the media.

To end, we attach a Final Call article on this same HLLN concern for justice, transparency and accountability from the UN, written more than a year ago: [UN peacekeepers and aid workers accused of abusing children](#), Final Call, June 24, 2008



For a related concern which touches on the UN and other authorities non-transparency and irresponsibility in cases involving the sexual abuse and rape of Haitian people by aid workers, see: [No More Secrecy -HLLN on Douglaз Perlitz's new motions asking for secrecy.](#)

Sincerely,

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| 31713|2010-02-02 08:08:18|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Obama And Brown Cousins|

Hah!! I wonder how much it cost to trace that family lineage. Thanks for the info.

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sat, 1/30/10**, hebrew b'yisrael wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Obama And Brown Cousins

To: "Trent Hatchett"

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 8:56 PM

**Obama And Brown Cousins** - Latest News

by - **WMDT Staff**

01/30/2010

WASHINGTON D.C. - President Barack Obama is related to Massachusetts Senator-elect Scott Brown.

That's according to a genealogist that says the **two men are tenth cousins.**

Their heritage is traced back to a town called Selectman in Haverhill, Massachusetts in the 1650's.

Brown was quoted as saying that he is "glad to be in such distinguished company."

The Senator-elect will sit down with special guest host Barbara Walters on "This Week" Sunday morning.

You can catch that interview Sunday at 10:30 on WMDT.

| 31714|2010-02-02 08:08:19|hebrew b'yisrael|May Yah rest James Cheek's soul -- program @ HU this Friday|

Attachments :

[Cheeks.pdf](#)

Please see attached pdf file.

| 31715|2010-02-02 08:08:20|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life|

"...strong to subdue and cull the weak..."

Yeah Peter, but in a natural disaster such as this....the balance is usually tipped in favor of the strong who begin to become "animalistic" rather than more "humane" is what I am starting to see.

On other founs, there is even talk of having the U.S. military "invade" Haiti....."for their own good" and make them a "territory", the one thing Haitians fear the most....becoming "slaves" yet again of a Western/European controlled government.

I strongly advised against it, "invading Haiti" since it didn't work too well in the past....but, I am just a female so I doubt if my suggestion will be heeded.

BTW, a charitable organization has to be documented and recognized by the government before one can access their site or even send them money, especially online in this day of "cyber- theft". The person at "Trees for Life" said her organization had not been documented before the quake, so I am not surprised you couldn't access her site.

During the "Katrina debacle", **around 4000 websites popped up for donations**, and those people are still homeless for the most part....so be careful about donating to "new" organizations folks, although my initial donation was to Yele.

I am still waiting to hear from Tafari about forwarding this original tale/article to a Haitian quake survivor; I concede that she would know BEST what areas need help the most.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sun, 1/31/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010, 12:33 PM

Wiselady,

As horrific as it seems, we have to put the situation in the context of historical Machiavellianism -- the rule of the predator. Sadly, it has always been the case in the food chain (both in nature and in human relations) for the strong to subdue and cull the weak. So it should not be too surprising that this is still the agenda of the strong. It's never been otherwise.

And I'm not being crude, just realistic.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 2010 09:29:27 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

I am hurting sooo much right now and do not know what to say, think or do the tragedy of ppl who look like me being disregarded so that some force can take over in the future is disgusting. We know that those who are there are not there to help our ppl only to watch until the time comes to make their move on an already devastated and burdened populace.  
Love and light,  
ladeeowl

--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 6:25 PM

--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, FORKSYROADS@ aol.com** [FORKSYROADS@ aol.com](mailto:FORKSYROADS@aol.com) wrote:

From: FORKSYROADS@ aol.com  
Subject: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti  
To: forksyroads@ aol.com  
Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 3:36 PM

Thursday, January 28, 2010 6:58 PM

From: Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti  
To: Zili

I have not had internet access until now.....I am an american living in Haiti for over 20 years and established Trees for Life Haiti. see [treesforlife.org](http://treesforlife.org). I had my computer with me to write what I am sending. I want to thank everyone on your site for the information and motivation to change the way life is here. Mother Earth has broken the system and it is time for a new system and a new way of living in this beautiful country with its amazing and beautiful people.

GS - Haiti earthquake survivor and witness  
Trees for Life Haiti

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Today is the 3rd day after the earthquake in Haiti and I am in my tent on Boutillier. I am from the US and lived in California for many years thru a few low point quakes and tremors. I am used to the kind of response that I would experience in the US after such a great disaster, but today in Haiti it is both heartbreaking and heartwarming to see the reaction of the people who have never been thru any kind of disaster on this level and most do not understand what has happened. Where I am and where I have seen in parts of Petionville Delmas and listening to others who have been in other part of this city and the country. NO RESPONSE for 3 days. No police vehicles, no Red Cross, no NGO's no Minustah. No one on the streets to offer any help or direction. Only the radio announcers telling everyone to stay outside. Thousands have slept in the parks in Petionville with the stench of dead bodies. Some have no damage to homes but are told to sleep outside and breath the contaminated air.

It is almost 4pm and the Americans have just secured the airport. The first response we hear on the radio is to put toothpaste under our noses while they spray "something" in the air for the smell and rotting of dead bodies that have been laying in the streets for 3 days. What are they going to spray us with???? "something" is all the Haitians are told. Something will be sprayed soon and what will it do to the survivors and all those still sleeping and living outside? The country is now in control of the US Marines or whatever entity which has announced the "takeover of Haiti, Food and water is not entering by the airport but diverted to the D R and trucked in. I guess this is as close to a "rapid response" for the people who are out of food and water today.

Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

On Boutillier 7 people died in a church that collapsed. Walls built around the big mansions collapsed and houses built close to the Labouille sand quarry buried. Many people lost homes and family. This morning the only boutique having 5 gallon water were purged by the rich families. The boutique had 9 gallons 5 and were being all purchased by one rich person til I ask her please to leave 3 bottles for others to buy. I could only buy one bottle for 11 people who are sleeping next to our tent and are part of my husbands family. I see no caring or concern for the poor people who are tramitized and very scared that another quake will happen and more loss and injuries.

CNN reported after the quake the following morning that help had already arrived. We can see the airport and we drove the streets in the afternoon and we saw no help. Today around 2pm we drove by the airport seeing no response or help in any of the areas we drove.

One thing that is amazing to me is that there is very little looting or damage by people to property and everyone is staying together and taking some actions like clearing the rubble and taking bodies to the Morgue. The destruction is massive in some areas of the city but in the upper part where people are basically just in shock and looking for food and water, a response is manageable and could save lives.

I don't know if we will have water or food tomorrow or the next day. I cannot reach anyone by my Digicel phone but I have heard that we can get help sometime soon but not how or when.

The window of opportunity has opened for a great takeover and we shall see how the Americans and the foreign response value the lives of the survivors.

I am an American living in Haiti for many years. We established trees for Life Haiti and have been planting trees and teaching agro techniwue and increase of food production in the rural areas. I have visited 42 localities over the years and what we do goes against the international agenda. We are not an NGO nor are we registered with the government. We have very little funding but we do what we can to teach others to care and respect our Great Mother Earth. She has made Her great Power known to this country and I hope and pray that this great tragedy will finally change the way Haitians and the powers that be have destroyed her for survival and greed. Haitian cannot continue to rape this country of trees and natural resources if they wish to survive this next generation.

Today is the 11th day since the quake and I finally received a money transfer from Trees for Life for food and gas and we are able to give food to 16 people. We drove to Petionville and saw some bags of rice in the areas where people are camping in the park. NO ONE who lives in small home will sleep inside. We have had two tremors today and people are still traumatized and very afraid. A young girl with an injured and bleeding foot ask for money. She was alone and very disoriented. We see the outside markets are now selling their goods and food but very few are buying for lack of money. My friend who has a small market with a Western Union station says he has no business but maybe 200 people waiting to receive transfers. These people are lucky to have loved ones to send money. Millions do not have outside support of any kind and must depend on relief aid, which I have not seen in this part of city. We see very few cars in the streets and we did not see any official cars or aid workers or response teams or police.

I was told by a friend today who witnessed the mob justice of an armed robber. He was arrested by two police and then turned over to the crowd. They beat him and then burned him til nothing was left but his bones. I have heard a few accounts of police shooting innocent people, including a 15 year old girl who was in a market. The UN trained and armed police seem to have never heard of human rights or been trained to handle any kind of disaster situation. But they do know how to shoot their new guns and proudly wear their uniforms.

I visited the offices of a magazine that is hosting some French journalists but I felt no desire to speak to anyone. I do know some of what is really happening here is being reported but I suspect that countries like France, the US and European Union would not want it reported how unorganized and inhumane the rescue and response has been.or not been. There will be the standard excuses and much talk from government officials as to the lack of infrastructure and the fear of violence while more suffer from lack of medical care and food. I still wonder how all these millions of dollars pledged to this country will be used and who will be spending it and where. Haiti does not need any more vultures to pick at the bones of the poor, Haiti needs sincere benevolent assistance with no hidden agenda of opportunist greed.

I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are the only people who will use our truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. He body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law' s body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personal on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

She also told me that she passed the parks in Petionville today and they were finally trying to distribute food but the crowds were unmanageable. A friend who lives in Petionville said the organization giving out food is a private one and not part of the International team for assistance. He said they have been giving food to the people camping in the park for a few days but there is no organized system and fighting for food is happening now.

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Today is the 13th day after the quake and we still felt two slight tremors. Some people I know with no damage to their homes are returning. Some friends came up to visit today and have no home any longer. We talked about how this is a great tragedy but the system must and will change because we are now witnessing the total inept way the government is not giving the help to the people.

I live in a house in Vivy Michel with my friend Neil and his family. He came to see us today on the mountain and he is the first person I have talked to who was downtown and at the General Hospital the night of the earthquake. His wife's aunt was leg injured and in downtown and was taken to GH by family. So he had to spend the night outside the hospital waiting for her to get treated. What he then told me was very gruesome but I feel like people have to know how the Haitian government Hospital doctors treated these disaster victims. My friend told me he saw so many people coming to the hospital and these are the very poor and also in the area of the greatest devastation so I will say the doctors were totally unprepared and overwhelmed. Most of the victims had severe limb damage or had lost an arm, leg or hand and were carrying their severed limbs in some hope they could be re attached. But the most horrific scene he describes is that the doctors started amputating damaged and gangrene limbs of these people every 15 minutes or so with NO anesthesia and then gave the patients a prescription and sends them away with family or friends if they have any with them. The ones that don't are laid in the corridors or even outside the hospital on the ground to recover. The scene is so surreal that he describes to me and I just cover my mouth and can't speak.

I just cannot imagine that this is a government that the UN insists should be in charge and given support to take care of its citizens when it has been so inept for so many years. It was this government that allowed the poor people to build unsafe structures on mountainsides surrounding the city.

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Today is the 14th day after the quake and I finally could reach a few friends when the circuits are not busy. I will probably have to go visit one of the nicer people living in the big houses here who has kindly said I could use his internet.

I received another transfer today from my daughter. She was able to raise \$130 from her co workers and today we needed to replenish our food. I am so thankful for anyone who sends help. However, the dollar exchange is dropping everyday and we are paying higher prices for everything. We are still able to give food to 20 people today.

We still do not see anyone on the mountain except the teams coming to install new communication systems for the recovery effort. I met two very nice men from the U.S . sent by FEMA and who are part of this team. I ask them is there was any help they saw reaching anyone in the city and they said no. They told me the UN, the US, England and France are fighting with the Haitian government for control of distribution. One man also was in Indonesia and Katrina and said he saw the same slow response after these disasters. You would think at least we would see Red Cross teams or medical teams, or tents and ways to have some shelter and food. He said only a few private groups and local churches are giving food but the crowds are huge and hungry. He recommended I did not leave the mountain or go past Petionville even to ask for help. Then he offered me two army ration meals which we tried but only ate the deserts. Sorry I sound ungrateful but I am not in the military nor am I any where near being hungry enough to eat the salty mushy, plastic, beef stew ,yet. It was a nice gesture though even though he did make sure to ask the members of the team if they were going to eat their rations before he offered.

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It is now two weeks past the event that has shaken this country and I hope it has shaken the world to witness how a country so close the Washington D.C. and with so many relatives of Americans living here can be made to suffer because the "powers" that control the goods and money sent cannot agree on how it should be done.

Oh yeah, we heard from a friend of ours whose brother was eligible to return to the states on the plan offered to any Haitian with citizenship in the States who can receive one family member from Haiti. Our friend's brother wants to come back because his family in the states does not cook Haitian food and he doesn't like the American food. Imagine that

God Bless us.

\*" Haitians, as a people, struggle to transform this below, knowing no matter the misery, loss and suffering in time, that out of time, Nan Ginen, our safety lies - lives- wholly unformed by any storylines, (even our own), since before this 'New World's' time began." (Excerpt from Bwa Kayiman, 2007 and the case of Lovinsky Pierre Antoine.) In addition, power concedes nothing, unless it has to, and the Haitian experience with the "Mulatto" Oligarchs also reveals that the Mulatto's definition of liberty and freedom differs from that of the African-Haitian masses. Ultimately, social stratification, oppressive laws, injustice, profit-over- people rulers, organized exclusion of the masses, the impunity of the economic elite, structural elitism, the monstrosities of US/Euro ethno-centricism, (racism, Nazism, financial colonialism, neo-colonialism, ethnic cleansing, forced assimilation) and deliberate containment- in-poverty won't be



eradicated unless profit-over- people VALUES are changed."

Quote: Ezili Dant□>

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Today is the 15th day after the quake and still no relief sent to where we are. I know I will receive some funds today from Trees for Life and we will keep feeding people and doing what we can.

I received a phone call today from a missionary in O'kay in the south and she told me someone from her church was trying to contact me. She told me that they are getting help from other missions and that planes were landing there with relief. She said the number of "refugees" meaning those Haitians that were from there are returning to their families but the number is so great and their families don't have anything either.

I heard the plan announced on the radio, and this is a government response, that there are specific stations that will bus people back to their home province with 500gds(\$15.00) and some food. That amount of money will buy food for 4 people for one or two days. There are now some clinics and temporary medical facilities to treat people. And the Red Cross is mentioned, too. It appears the government is trying to get as many people to leave the city.

We have not heard that that the tons of goods that have been flown into the International airport are being distributed yet. Mostly local organizations are giving some help but the international teams are not presently organized or giving help as of today. The government response is slow and incredibly ineffective. There is still a good supply of goods and food in the markets in our area but people have no money to purchase.

I have friends who are giving help on their own anyway they can. One college student I know is organizing a way to get clothes to some of the people living in the parks in Petionville. So many Haitians I know are helping everywhere with frustration because of such a lack of organized ways of delivery of relief. People are calling me to find out how they can volunteer or get some kind of jobs with the relief teams but there is no central location for these teams, yet or any information given on the radio.

We have heard that an area called Leogone is 90% destroyed and no help there yet.

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We are very lucky to have a big cistern for our use for water to wash etc, but no free drinking water or food has arrived on Boutillier as of today

My brother just called me and said that Trees for Life has just wired a substantial donation to our account and we will be able to help many others nowThank you God and thank you to the generous donor.

We just spoke to the local authority for the area damaged on Boutillier and he gave a list of families we will be helping.

Today is the 16th day after the earthquake and we are listening to the radio of people being interviewed by local journalists still crying for food and water. The slums are reporting that they have received food from some local agencies but now they have no water. Jacmel people are demonstrating today because they have received no help, yet. Jacmel is about 3 hours drive from PAP. If the roads are not passable, we see many helicopters that could drop supplies but we have heard that the UN has blocked the Americans from doing this. Fritz's nephew told me he went downtown yesterday and did not see so many people as many have been evacuated but he said the smell was so bad he could not be there long.



My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand . My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and irridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning..basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no".God Bless us.

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Today is the 16th day since the earthquake and I have a list of all the people living in the different zones on Boutiller mountain. I know a man living in the big houses who has a business and came to tell me I could go with him tomorrow to the UN compound next to the airport and request assistance for food, water and tents in the name of Trees for Life Haiti. Since we have an organization we were told this is the only way that help is reaching people so we will go thru the disaster zones and get some help up here. I have dispersed a few funds to some very needy and homeless people so far but the need is so great that we must get some aid relief up here. Since I have the official paperwork for the projects we were to implement before the quake it should make it easier to get what we need up here. I already had my laptop and all the papers from the UN with me, along with my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.

I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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Forwarded by Ezili's Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network

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| 31716|2010-02-02 08:08:24|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti's Riches Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?|  
"...oil in Haiti...urban legend..."  
Hello Peter and Alex...

I can believe there is oil and other mineral resources in Haiti worth investigating. My only concern is the "environmental impact" it would have on a people/country that is already under-educated about their environment. Also, that the elected leaders are corrupt and have a long history of corruption from what "quake survivor" and others have said before

Alaska has oil, and Texas had quite a bit some years ago, but no one has enough to compete with the reserves of OPEC so let's not kid ourselves about Haiti having enough oil to make an impact on global or even a single country's demands. We are talking about for all kinds of travel vehicles and home heating also. If "quake survivor" is correct, and I have heard it before from other sources, the people have lost all sense of horticulture/agriculture if they deforested an island.

Any oil in Haiti, will only benefit a single corporation and his cronies, not the people of Haiti. Heck it will take 10-20 years to re-educate the people to handle off-shore drilling requirements anyway.

So I am with Peter, wind turbines initially...then worry about "oil in Haiti" being taken over by foreigners. They (Haitian leaders) can always check with leaders in Brazil or Nigeria about letting someone else control their oil reserves and how to keep and distribute profits from the oil. Right now, they are working on keeping the children from being taken off the island....sheesh. Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Mon, 2/1/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Haiti's Riches Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Monday, February 1, 2010, 3:11 PM

Alex,

Many diverse economic opportunities (fisheries, etc.), true. But still, the most effective and immediate action that could reduce debt servicing and improve the economy is a direct investment in wind power. Not so sure about the oil, though. I've been in petroleum engineering since 1978, and I suspect "oil in Haiti" is something of an urban legend. I'd love to see the geological maps myself.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
From: avdeelen@ziggo. nl  
Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2010 16:33:31 +0100  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Haiti's Riches Re: Wind turbines in Haiti?

> Posted by: "Peter Gray" [atenergy@hotmail.com](mailto:atenergy@hotmail.com) atenergy2002

> Sun Jan 31, 2010 7:30 am (PST)

> Thanks for this expose of Guy Phillippe, Alex.

> Only the truth can set us free.

Right. There should be a lot more information about how these coups are funded, by who and why.

Also, the role of the Clinton Administration in the imposition of neoliberalism has to be exposed.

Haiti is repeatedly called 'the poorest country in the western hemisphere', more to denigrate it and avoid talking about the core of the problem.

Haiti has many mineral resources, including gold. If these resources were used to diversify the economy in a way that allowed every Haitian to participate in the economy, there would be no poverty at all. There are opportunities in the development of agriculture, fisheries, manufacturing and tourism, and Haiti's raw material wealth could easily be applied for that purpose. Now Haiti even has oil.

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But guess what - that isn't happening. Instead, the US chooses to do crooked deals with their favorite dictator of the moment, in order to facilitate it's corporations to extract those materials without paying the Haitian people for them.

That is the problem, and has always been the problem.

Alex

The Fateful Geological Prize Called Haiti

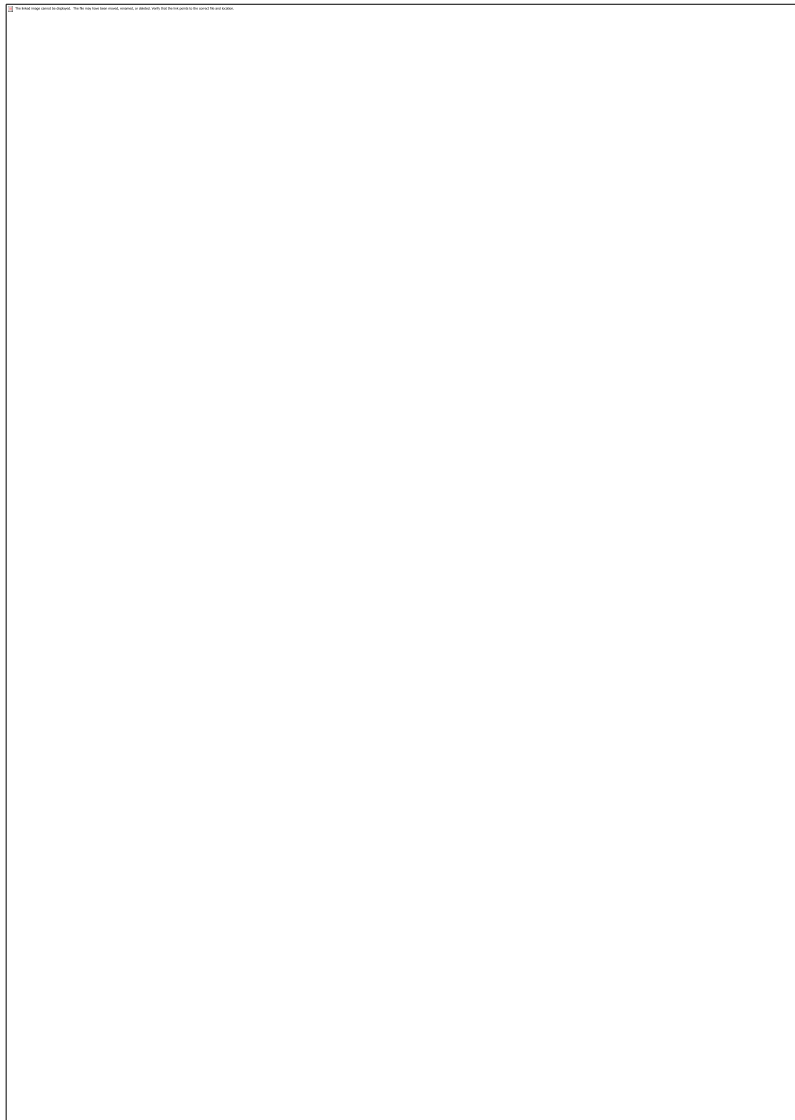
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| 31717|2010-02-02 08:08:44|sekhmet Johnson|Celebrity Rumor Mongers.....|  
Looks like I am not the only one that doesn't listen to this nutbar for long. I found this on  
"ScandaList" blog of MTV site. -Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

**Glenn Beck:** The right-wing radio show host made it his mission in 2009 to spread fear and  
ignorant theories. He [screamed at a caller about healthcare](#), [continuously disrespected the  
President](#), and [linked volunteerism to communism](#). Let's hear it for fact-based discussion and  
positivity in the new year!



| 31718|2010-02-02 08:08:44|hebrew b'yisrael|U.S.S.R. was better prepared for collapse vs. the  
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| 31719|2010-02-02 08:08:48|hebrew b'yisrael|Cheap summer camp 2010! Check out this site I found on StumbleUpon!

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| 31720|2010-02-02 08:08:48|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haitians. People Like Anybody Else!|  
Man, oh man ((shaking my head)).....maybe THAT is what he meant by "christian charity" to non-Europeans then he spit on the ground. While I am still grateful for the global response to the victims in Haiti, some individuals/groups always tend to undermine the best efforts and PLAY-INTO the global community and their ANTI-American attitude, putting sincere volunteers, like myself and others, in serious jeopardy simply because we are Americans too!.  
Well, guess I'd better put on my "personal insult shield" and reinforce it....again. The exact same

happy crappy happened after Obama was elected POTUS, and the whole world had a change of mind about the USA electing a black man, until..... -Sekhmet

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## **We are Haitians. We are Like People Like Anybody Else**

by Lenore Daniels

*"The past is never dead-it's not even past."*

-- William Faulkner

From the ground, people hear the sound of helicopters above. Twenty Black Hawk helicopters circling the airport!

Water! Food! Medical supplies!

The people wait as the helicopters of the 82nd Airborne division land and hundreds of U.S. paratroopers become visible. But the paratroopers are in combat gear and armed with automatic machine guns.

There they're at the General Hospital and the Palace.

Water! Food! Medical supplies!

SECURITY!

No food or water or medical supplies until Haiti is SECURE! The U.S. announces that over 2,000 paratroopers will be followed by 8,000 more heavily armed U.S. Marines. Almost two weeks since the earthquake hit Haiti, whole communities have yet to receive water, food, or medical attention. But the whole world watched the U.S. show of power:

Watch and listen Cuba, Venezuela, and Bolivia-Haiti belongs to the U.S.!

This is Haiti several days after the January 12, 2010 earthquake hit Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas. Over 2 million Haitians are starving.

Hundreds are dying from lack of medical attention. It's estimated that over 200,000 Haitians died as a direct result of the 7.3 earthquake.

But the U.S. thinks as an Empire thinks! It thinks militarization, invasion, occupation, corporatization, privatization-more resources and an expanded labor base. It thinks: HAITI NEEDS TO BE SECURE. Is it really a surprise that the U.S. command at the airport in Haiti 3 times turned away 5 Medecins San Frontieres (MSF) planes carrying 12 tons of much needed medical supplies?

Can we expect anything else from such an entity? Haiti needs to be saved from U.S. militarized security!

But Peace Man announces his priority: to search and to rescue US Embassy personnel! The people of Haiti can wait and wait and wait. But do keep this in mind Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia-and, oh, yes, you

Haitians-the U.S. will be there for you! "We will be resolute in our response, and I pledge to the people of Haiti that you will have a friend and partner in the United States of America today and going forward." "Going forward" only means that Amerikkka has its target set on the poor and working class of Haiti.

On January 12, 2010, shortly after sundown, news reached the world that the epicenter of an earthquake hit Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas. And the world watched as the Haitian people called for immediate response to its plea for assistance to rescue those trapped under the rubble of concrete. Days later, gun-toting paratroopers land with more epaulettes of American flags than rescue equipment or water and food. Then another announcement from the U.S. Cameras please! Out walk three virtuous warriors posing before the television cameras and photographers while speaking of peace and the humanitarian greatness that is Amerikkka! Smile! Peace Man, Bush Jr. and Bill Clinton shake hands.

The economic plan for Haiti isn't about empowering the Haitians and leaving the country to its popular democratic party Lavalas. Before the earthquake, the Lavalas leadership had been imprisoned or in hiding. The economic plan came with an AGENDA. According to independent journalist Kevin Pina, "a wholesale campaign of violence [was] waged against Lavalas... [yet it was]...largely maintained through the silence of human rights organizations and the international press."

The economic plan isn't about rights for workers, higher wages for workers, and the nationalization rather than privatization of Haiti's industries. Aristide tried to do this work for the majority of Haitians and look how the U.S. responded! He was an evil monster and Levalas was a lawless mob of militants-albeit representing the Haitian majority!

The economic plan calls for Haitians to submit to the U.S.'s political and economic agenda to see Haiti one big sweatshop operation, too weary to organize through Lavalas to demand a return of Aristide and Haitian sovereignty. As Ezili Danto writes in his article, "Haiti, Genocide and the New Slavery Model," for Pacific Free Press. Com, 70 percent of Haiti's working class earn 22 cents (70 gourdes) an hour, and they are "forced to pay the Haitian Oligarchs for food to eat at high U.S. import prices, starvation is a given. It's economic slavery. The slavery in Haiti the media won't expose."

But they will show the world looting when people are trying to eat something after almost two weeks of starving!

The dead of this earthquake didn't die in vain.

Look, they said.

And there's a camera to see and show the world how the U.S. security and economic plan comes together to humiliate the Haitian people. Follow the trail of the dead...

Amidst the "overwhelming" smell of the dead, independent journalist Amy Goodman of Democracy Now! and her camera person catches a

view of a helicopter that had landed but proceeded to take off again.

Goodman and her crew stopped in Léogane to speak to a group of citizens and the mayor when the helicopter begins to drop one package of bread at a time over the area.

"Instead of delivering food when it was on the ground," she said, "where hundreds of people had gathered, it lifted off, circled overhead, and dropped bags of bread on the hungry people below."

The people are rightly furious. One Léogane man steps in front of the camera:

"The other countries in the same situation as us, when there's an aid that comes, they don't do that. They don't humiliate people like that. We are Haitians. We are like people like anybody else. Even though we're in a bad situation now, those countries are supposed to have another way to treat us.

"The helicopter came down to the ground, landed, and they should have given to the responsible on the ground to distribute to the rest of the people here, and not when they go back up in the air, throw the bread out like they were throwing bones to dogs." (translated).

Another man approaches the camera:

"We are very frustrated with the way they drop these little breads, throw them down to the population, like it's bones they're throwing to dogs."

Goodman asks about the helicopter. Who owns it? "Who was it in those helicopters?"

Mayor Santos Alexis answers: "It's a private plane from New Mission. New Mission is an institution of United States. You know, it's a church."

A church! A U.S. church! New Mission—so much like the old, grand Amerikkkan humanitarian missions to save the uncivilized, the dead say. Something happened a long time ago in this New World. Europeans escaping the corruption and devastation of their home lands crossed the Atlantic bringing with them an abhorrence of racial difference. In the wilderness, they swore an allegiance to the survival of the Aryan race. This they called—progress.

But the Haitians never learned to fear the U.S. and Western world's characterization of them as intolerable anomalies.

Boukman rising!

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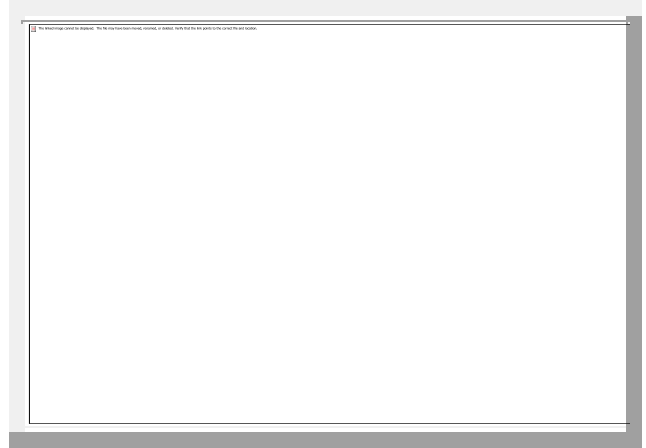
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**Adams County Board of Supervisors president Henry Watts, left, and Natchez Business and Civic League vice-president Jerry Lyles applaud as Ser Seshs Ab Heter-C.M. Boxley walks to accept the Willie S. Scott Civic award given by the league during its annual banquet Friday night.**

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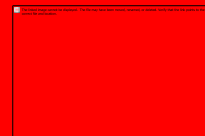
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### **INTRODUCTION**

#### **THE STRUGGLE FOR HISTORY AND TOURISM DEMOCRACY IN THE DEEP SOUTH (NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI AND CENTRAL LOUISIANA)**

In his recently published book on the treatment of history in Natchez, *Race Against Time: Culture and Separation In Natchez Since 1930*, author Jack Davis correctly concluded that "each initiative toward making public history more racially inclusive represents another victory of the African-American experience and, one might add, a victory for history itself." He also warns that victory will not come "without a struggle" in the racial battle for public history.

The Friends-of-the-Forks-of-the-Roads Society, Inc. is pleased to provide you with an update on our fight for equal history and tourism democracy in Southwest Mississippi-Central Louisiana. After eight years of consistent advocacy and Ancestral Kommemoration rituals, on June 26, 2003, one of the two historical enslavement markets sites at the historical Forks of the Road was finally brought under

public domain. The City of Natchez after relentless agitation from the Friends of the Forks of the Road succeeded in using \$92,806.71 of a \$200,000 State of Mississippi Department of Archives and History grant to purchase 0.388 acres or 16,884 square feet of land at the Forks of the Road. This particular site contained the older of the two "Negro Mart" shown on an 1853 City of Natchez street engineer hand drawn map. Roughly another \$22,000 of the initial \$200,000 Archives and History grant is to be used for development and erection of an informational broadside display interpreting a bit of the history pertaining to the long distance enslavement trafficking that took place at the Forks of the Road. An estimated \$85,000 of the original \$200,000 State grant was returned to the Department of Archives and History by the City of Natchez. A City that survives on state and federal dollars returned to the sender \$85,000 intended for preservation of African American history at the Forks of the Road, when there is yet another enslavement market site just across the street that must be brought into public domain, preserved and interpreted. Now you understand author Jack Davis conclusion above regarding our ongoing and intensifying fight for history and tourism democracy here.

The Friends-of-the-"Forks-of-the-

**Road" Society, Inc. now better than eight-year successful struggle to bring one of the two historical enslavement market sites under public domain is a giant-step, catch-up initiative toward achieving historical-tourism democracy in the Southwest. Although most of the physical and geographic remains of the enslavement auction houses, holding pens, and human chattel market buildings in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana have been lost or destroyed by time, the site and spiritual presence of the historic Forks-of-the-Roads enslavement market has been located and designated as one of the most historic places in the lower-Mississippi River Valley. Situated near the Mississippi River at the terminal of the Natchez Trace and the land/water routes leading to the Southwest, this site at the Forks-of-the-Roads is an essential part of the collective story of America's domestic and horrible traffic in human bondage. Most importantly, this site resonates with the presence, spiritual life, arts, history, legacies, heritage, culture, and humanity of the hundreds of thousands of enslaved Africans in America that permeates the landscape, economy, religion, culture, government, social fabric, and life-worlds of the Deep South. In the Spirits of our Enslaved and Non-Enslaved Ancestors/Foreparents whose Africanize Spirituality helped them**

to endure and survive the dehumanizing processes of plantation conditioning and enslavement captivity, we say Asante Sana (Thank you very much) for supporting our struggle for Equal History Kommemoration in Mississippi-Central Louisiana. Equal History and Tourism Democracy is the beyond "Civil Rights" Human Rights Fight that is now being waged by too few African Descendants and others in the Deep South. Because of the domination of resources, private and public, by European Descendants who have not or refuse to transcend their Southernism, cultural racial superiority complexes and lost cause Confederacy, and share those resources in a fair share and equal history commemoration and tourism democracy, we seek national and international assistance. We seek your help so we can preserve, present and interpret the presence, developmental contributions, spiritual life, arts, history, legacies, heritage, culture, and humanity of the hundreds of thousands of enslaved Africans in America who were sold down "ther ribber" to become the shoulders Deep South African Descendants stand upon today.

[Ser Seshs Ab Heter-Clifford M. Boxley](#)

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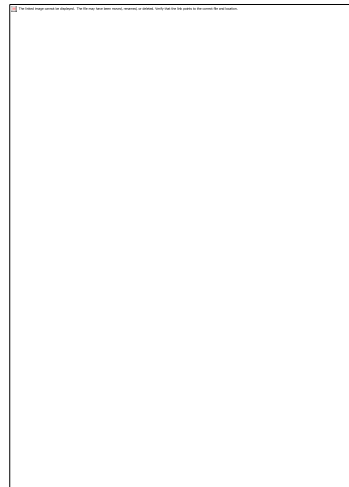
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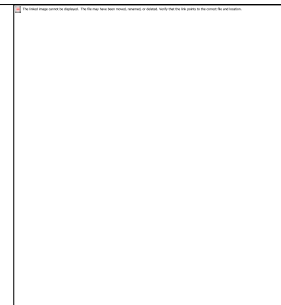
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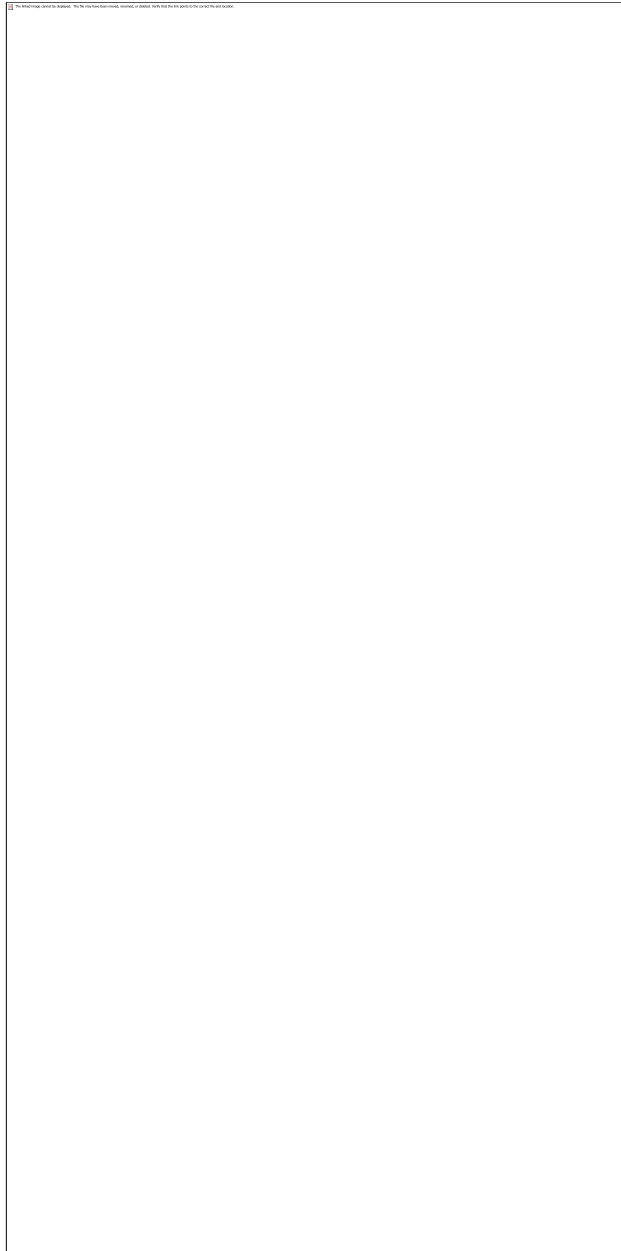
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| 31722|2010-02-02 08:08:51|Tafari khumbaka|Fw: Cosmic Slop - Strangers Bearing Gifts/Space Traders|

--- On **Sun, 1/31/10, Mind on the Matter** wrote:

From: Mind on the Matter  
Subject: Cosmic Slop - Strangers Bearing Gifts/Space Traders  
To: "tafari\_sudra@yahoo.com"  
Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010, 8:45 PM

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### **A message to all members of Mind on the Matter**

Greetings!

Please check out the newly posted video clips of Cosmic Slop (tua Urraqmen Peshu!!!). It old school tv series kinda like the twilight zone hosted by George Clinton. This particular episode is one where aliens come to earth and solicit the heads of government to trade all persons with a certain amount of melanin for unlimited energy resources and a cleaned up environment...guess what they decided?!?!?! Watch the clips!

all the best,

J. Menaq

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| 31723|2010-02-02 08:08:56|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Black History Month as teaching tool?|

**I am still ROTFL at the comments section on this article.**

It is so full of hatred and half-truths while steady denying slavery is a part of their common heritage if their ancestors are European. Apparently, millions of African just woke up en masse and decided they wanted to be shipped away from Africa and become "servants for life" in a

foreign land without pay or recognition of any kind. Or the "stand by" reason of other Africans selling each other to the "Dutch Navy" only. Maybe someone will remind them....one day....that the enslavement of Africans was a GLOBAL event by Europeans....not just the "Dutch", and Africans came from all over the continent of Africa, not a specific geographical region like the west or the north. (Still sticking with the comments section....) the Canadians say they weren't a part of the "slave trading system", although they reaped the benefits from slave labor; guess I shouldn't remind them that they are not "indigenous" to Canada anymore than Europeans are to the Americas.

So, "no" there is no need to designate a "white history month/day/week" for the majority population as people already ASS-U-ME it is about white history/events anyway....LOL!!! BTW, the "Eastern Slave Trade" is also a "taboo topic" although they were selling Africans centuries before Europeans started. And what is it with the "myth" that predominantly black areas are "MORE" prone to violence than other communities by virtue of their race? Europeans really need to study their OWN history about the masses feeding on each other when they are poor and/or some disaster hits out of the blue. (Still laughing myself, so ....post it to your forum, or not.) -Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Black History Month used as teaching tool

By BARBARA S. ROTHSCILD February 1, 2010

*Courier-Post Staff*

Across South Jersey, schools are not just paying lip service to Black History Month with a token assignment or event.

Many schools have committees that plan events for every grade level, while teaching teams and individual teachers are finding ways to incorporate black history across disciplines. Districts have found that Black History Month offers extra opportunities to reinforce character education and expand service learning projects begun to observe Martin Luther King Day in January.

The month serves to bolster self-esteem among minorities and inspire children of all races and ethnicities, educators believe.

At A. Russell Knight Elementary School in Cherry Hill, a seven-person Black History Month Committee -- six teachers and Principal George Guy -- began planning this month's activities several weeks ago.

"Our Martin Luther King service learning project, creating placemats for homeless shelters, provided a good segue because it focused on district character education goals of respect, responsibility and citizenship," Guy said.

Each grade level will focus on a black history project at Knight. For example, second-graders will create watercolor paintings expressing the impact of Ruby Bridges -- the first black child to integrate a white school in New Orleans -- on education. The school library will be turned into an exhibit hall for all the projects, with the community invited in to see the them later this month.

To whet students' appetites for Black History Month, Knight librarian Mary Sindoni chose books with related themes to read with classes during their January library visits.

"We are exploring African-Americans in every walk of life. It's more of a cross-cultural look, not just athletes and celebrities," Sindoni said.

Dylan Harding, 9, said he was looking forward to Black History Month. He hoped to learn about black baseball players, but wanted to find out more about other figures, too -- "like Colin Powell," he said, as he prepared to check out a book on the former secretary of state.

Nineteen years ago, Knight was the first Cherry Hill school to join the National African-American Read-In. The school is holding its read-in today.

Third-graders at Mount Laurel's Hillside Elementary School will hold an African-American Read-In at school and participate in one at a local bookstore. Fourth-graders there will select and research African names for themselves, locate the places where their names originated on a map, and discuss African-American inventors and inventions.

At Parkway Elementary School in Mount Laurel, students will color a map of Africa, read African folk tales and create a multicultural bulletin board. Every school in the district is gearing up with activities for every grade.

Whenever possible, schools are tapping their own best resources -- parents and former students who can put a personal spin on black history.

Glassboro High School is hosting about 30 of its African-American graduates in a two-part assembly.

"Glassboro is where these graduates came from. They will be talking about obstacles they faced in their past, opportunities that helped them grow, and how they got where they are today," high school principal Santina Haldeman said.

The February assembly has become a yearly event at Glassboro High, where past speakers have included Notre Dame Professor Alvin Tillery, Indianapolis Colts linebacker Gary Brackett and former Gloucester County NAACP head Milton Hinton.

At Cherry Hill's Carusi Middle School, one eighth-grade team is reading about significant achievements of African-Americans during weekly silent reading sessions. Readings are planned on Michelle Obama, Jackie Robinson and 18th-century scientist-mathematician Benjamin Banneker, with students also attempting to crack one of Banneker's word problem puzzles using the Pythagorean theorem.

Another Carusi team is creating a wall of African-American achievers, highlighting those who have made major contributions to society.

Students are choosing who they would like to research.

Schools are not overlooking the "wow" factor during Black History Month. Sometimes one major headline event can leave a lasting impression and catalyze students to create projects of their own.

In Washington Township, Bunker Hill Middle School is hosting a multimedia show, "King's Dream," today. The professional production includes singing, commentary and archival film footage on Martin Luther King Jr. and other figures, including Rosa Parks and the Arkansas Nine.

On Feb. 8, Medford's Lenape High School, which serves Mount Laurel students, will be the site of Philadelphia actor James Charles Roberts' one-man show as he portrays Frederick Douglass in "A Story of a Slave." The show -- an annual tradition at Lenape -- is geared toward the school's sophomores and ties in with the English and humanities curriculum.

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Man,....ya'll crack me up!!!

| 31724|2010-02-02 08:08:58|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti's Agony, How to Rebuild?|  
Folks, I think I didn't mess up the links too bad so anyone interested can go to TIME and read the archives about part of Jamaica being swallowed by the sea after an earthquake. The experts/seismologists said the Haiti quake was unusually powerful, however some people don't think a 7.3 is a "big deal".....go figure. -Sekhmet

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## Haiti's Agony: What It Will Take to Rebuild

By MICHAEL ELLIOTT Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010



A woman stands atop what may have been a grocery store. Haiti now faces food and water shortages

Thony Belizaire / AFP / Getty Images

Tragedy has a way of visiting those who can bear it least. Haiti is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere, a place where malnutrition is widespread and less than half the population has access to clean drinking water. At 4:53:09 p.m. on Jan. 12, at a point 15 miles southwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince, the Caribbean tectonic plate pushed against the neighboring North American plate along a line known as the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden Fault system. On the earth's surface, the enormous energy created by that tremor an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale tossed the car that Bob Poff, the Salvation Army's director of disaster services in Haiti, was driving down the hill from the suburb of Pétionville to Port-au-Prince "to and fro like a toy." When the shaking stopped, Poff wrote on a Salvation Army blog, "I looked out of the windows to see buildings 'pancaking' down ... Thousands of people poured into the streets, crying, carrying bloody bodies, looking for anyone who could help them."

Within the next few hours, the scale of the worst earthquake to hit Haiti in more than 200 years became apparent. Just as cell-phone video cameras brought the horrors of the Indian Ocean tsunami to the world in real time five years ago, so Twitter feeds and blog posts did the same for the Haiti earthquake, reporting on what had happened, asking if anyone had heard from loved ones, calling for medical supplies and Creole speakers. Louise Ivers, clinical director for Haiti for the NGO Partners in Health, wrote, "Port-au-Prince is devastated, lot of deaths. SOS. SOS ... Please help us." Ian Rodgers of Save the Children posted, "We could hear buildings still crumbling down five hours after the earthquake." ([See pictures of the Haiti quake's aftermath.](#))

A day later, the death toll was unknown and as is always the case with earthquakes, which bury their victims unknowable. But more than one Haitian official told news organizations that they thought the final count of the dead would be more than 100,000. The next day, Vincenzo Pugliese, a spokesman for the U.N. mission in Haiti, summed up what was known thus far. The earthquake, he said, had caused major damage, destroying the National Palace, the main cathedral and many government offices. Hotels, hospitals, schools and the capital's main prison had all been wrecked.

"Casualties, which are vast," Pugliese said, "can only be estimated. Tens if not hundreds of thousands have suffered varying degrees of destruction to their homes." A nation that was already on its knees had been knocked to the ground.

### **Making a Tough Place Worse**

The quake was not unexpected but then, the tragedy of earthquakes is that none of them are. The world's fault lines, those dangerous boundaries between the slabs that make up the earth's crust, are well mapped. Haiti, a nation of 9 million people, sits atop the junction of the Caribbean and North American plates, which "are shearing the island, crushing it, grinding it," says Michael Blanpied, an associate coordinator for the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) earthquake-hazards program. "And as that occurs, earthquakes pop off." [\(See where the next five big earthquakes will be.\)](#)

That they do. Historians reckon that there have been about a dozen massive earthquakes in the Caribbean over the past 500 years. The damage they can do is well understood; in 1692, a quake caused Port Royal, Jamaica, to disappear under the Caribbean Sea, where it lies to this day. But knowing that a quake will happen one day is of little use to those who want to know if it will happen tomorrow or next week or next year. An intense, high-tech exercise in the 1980s by the USGS and the state of California to study a particularly unstable stretch of the San Andreas Fault provided absolutely no telltale signs of a quake that hit in 2004. "Earthquake prediction," says Blanpied, "if it can be done at all, is very difficult."

The Haiti earthquake was not just unusually powerful for the region; it was also shallow a fact that, combined with the soft ground and corrugated, muddy hills around Port-au-Prince, made its impact even worse. In the city itself, sturdy buildings like the cathedral and the National Palace could not withstand the tremor, which meant that many hastily constructed concrete structures collapsed like houses of cards, killing many the Archbishop of Port-au-Prince, for one. [\(Read "Seismologist Roger Musson: Haiti Quake Was the 'Big One.'"\)](#)

Many of the city's finest buildings helped give Haitians their sense of identity and history now the country must not only figure out how to recover but also try to rebuild its sense of self. Just as what happened on Jan. 12 was shaped by Haiti's unique topography and geology, so the final toll, too, will be determined by the nation's very special conditions. Haiti is an unlucky, star-crossed country. Once a slave colony of France, the world's first free black modern nation was born in blood more than 200 years ago, in a long and bitter war of independence. In the years since then, Haiti has suffered almost constantly from local misrule, foreign intervention and economic exploitation. Haiti was occupied by U.S. forces from 1915 to '34, and then from 1957 to '86 it was ruled by François Duvalier and his son Jean-Claude Papa Doc and Baby Doc whose corruption and repression crippled the nation and led to wide-scale emigration among its educated classes.

In 1994 the U.S. intervened to force out a military regime that had ousted the government of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a charismatic priest who had been elected President in 1990. After a decade of political disorder, Aristide, by then in his second

term as President, was forced into exile in 2004; since then, Minustah, a U.N. peacekeeping mission, has been in place the latest in a long series of outside forces that have attempted to help Haitians establish peace and a measure of security.

What makes the earthquake especially "cruel and incomprehensible," as U.S. President Barack Obama put it, was that it struck at a rare moment of optimism. After decades of natural and political catastrophes, the U.N. peacekeeping force and an international investment campaign headed by former President Bill Clinton, the U.N.'s special envoy to Haiti, had recently begun to calm and rebuild the nation. But the mood of cautious optimism had not yet begun to improve the basic living conditions of ordinary Haitians. For even on its best day, Haiti is a public-health disaster. No Haitian city has a public sewage system; nearly 200,000 people live with HIV or AIDS, and just half of Haitian children are vaccinated against basic diseases like diphtheria and measles.

The quake will make things unimaginably worse. While emergency-response teams have already begun combing through the wreckage, searching for injured who might still be saved, there are ominous longer-term health risks that threaten the island. "In the weeks to come, we may have huge issues with public health," says Pino Annunziata, who is coordinating the emergency response for the World Health Organization in Geneva. Less than a day after the disaster, U.S. Navy and Coast Guard vessels were swarming toward Haiti, ready to spearhead disaster-relief efforts. Up to 2,000 Marines were told to be ready to head there. They will all be needed. In the first confused day after the quake, reports stressed the absence of heavy machinery to shift rubble and shore up buildings; people were scrabbling with their bare hands in the rubble for their loved ones. The U.S. military will aim to make sure airports and seaports are primed to receive the flood of aid that will soon flow in.

As always in the developing world, the first priority will be clean water. With drinking-water distribution systems destroyed and survivors crammed into camps without sanitation water supplies could quickly become contaminated. That could lead to rapidly spreading waterborne diseases like cholera and dysentery that can sweep through refugee camps.

With adequate aid, however, the worst might be averted. The world now rarely sees major outbreaks of infectious disease in the wake of disasters. Even in the case of the 2004 tsunami, which killed more than 200,000 people, a rapid and thorough response headed off what could have been a huge postdisaster death toll. Indeed, the sheer amount of international attention on Haiti might ultimately improve its public-health system as occurred in the Indonesian province of Aceh after the tsunami.

All who wish Haiti well will hope for such a benign dispensation. Many will do more than hope. In a Twitter feed, Troy Livesay, one of the many missionaries who first brought word from Port-au-Prince, described the mood the night after the quake.

"Church groups are singing ... in prayer," he wrote. "It is a beautiful sound in the middle of a horrible tragedy."

You don't have to be a believer to hope that the prayers of those Haitians who have long borne sorrows not of their making are answered.

*With reporting by Massimo Calabresi, Michael Scherer and Mark Thompson / Washington; Gilbert Cruz, Jeffrey Kluger, Kate Pickert and Bryan Walsh / New York; and Tim Padgett / Miami*



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Propaganda|  
Shalom Chief Elder Osiris;

Strip away the "dogma" & look @ the "practical side" --  
Are "Afro-centric" thinking people ready for the  
collapse of Western Civilization?

Look @ the movies like "Book of Eli" & "The Road" &  
gleam things you will need for your group to survive?  
Look @ Haiti & Katrina -- are we ready or just sitting  
around waiting on the Red Cross?

peace,

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**Sent:** Tue, February 2, 2010 12:52:25 AM

**Subject:** [PanAF\_House] Eli The Movie, Religious Propaganda

By Chief Elder Osiris

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I will keep it short in expressing my condemnation of Denzel, Eli Movie, it is the most profane bunch of religious crap I have had the opportunity to watch.

Is Religion in such disarray to the point that it has to produce such obvious Religious propaganda, only a profane religious believing mind would rate the Movie Eli as being inspiring to watch, to see the evil desperation of Religion, yes, but to expect some Divine inspiration from watching such religious propaganda, No.

Eli the movie is not up for debate concerning what it tactfully conveyed concerning the Book, Eli, the King James Version of the Bible, a book ordered to be written not by God, but by the King himself, James.

The scene with Gary Oldman was about the accurate proclamation told about the Book, referencing the Holy Book of God, the Lord, when he so stated the reason why he desired to gain possession of the Book Eli.

Gary Oldman stated his reason he covet having the Bible Book of Eli in his possession, which

was that, with that Book in his possess, at the start of a New World, he would be able to control the world, because with the Book of Eli he would gain control of the Mind of the coming New World, by having the only book that hold the scriptures of a Religious Nature, requiring the people of the New World to Believe in every word that is to come from the Book of Eli and it being claimed to be the word of God, the Lord.

It Representing the birth of the beginning of the New World Religious Belief, in what King James has so commissioned to be written to be portrayed as the Word of God, claiming with such a Book, it would make the owner to become the most powerful Man in the New World .

Indicating as it is now in the World that is on its way out, with the Book of King James, so will it be again in the New World, Religion being the Root of All Evil to come before Man, Demanding and Commanding that every word in that Book is the Word of God and it Command that you believe such a claim to be True, as the Old World was Commanded to believe, in such a Book, so shall the New World Believe the Same, such being a perpetuation of Evil Lies and acts of Deception, in controlling the world, Old or New.

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'...we THINK we are dealing with something..."

Hello Shirley,

WE are dealing with something, it is just not as acute as what Haitians are dealing with right now IMNSHO. Looks to me like "Katrina REDUX" without the hurricane, but "yes" may God bless them and strengthen them at this awful time.

Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. -  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sun, 1/31/10, shirley parker** wrote:


From: shirley parker

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Tafari/Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life  
Haiti

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010, 12:18 PM

All I could do is weep and read..... .and we THINK we are dealing with something  , it

brakes my heart and all I can say is BLESS them all  ....

**sin: "to miss the point of human existence"**

--- On **Sat, 1/30/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Tafari/Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com, "Ta-Seti"

Cc: "peter" , "lady owl"

Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 6:36 PM

Hello Tafari,

I promised not to "cc" you again, but I wanted to know if I could forward this post to a couple of "news blogs" and criminal justice blogs I am on? I will make whatever Name changes you think are appropriate, but I am not familiar with the towns mentioned except Port Au Prince and that is only because it is the capitol. I know the rural folks need more help than those in the cities....large or small city.

OWNER - PLEASE NOTE - I can also "delete" this forum name if that is best....no problem.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 5:25 PM

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From: FORKSYROADS@ aol.com  
Subject: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti  
To: forksyroads@ aol.com  
Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 3:36 PM

Thursday, January 28, 2010 6:58 PM  
From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti  
To: Zili

I have not had internet access until now.....I am an american living in Haiti for over 20 years and established Trees for Life Haiti. see treesforlife. org. I had my computer with me to write what I am sending. I want to thank everyone on your site for the information and motivation to change the wa here. Mother Earth has broken the system and it is time for a new system and a new way of living beautiful country with its amazing and beautiful people.

GS - Haiti earthquake survivor and witness  
Trees for Life Haiti

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Today is the 3rd day after the earthquake in Haiti and I am in my tent on Boutillier. I am from the U lived in California for many years thru a few low point quakes and tremors. I am used to the kind o response that I would experience in the US after such a great disaster, but today in Haiti it is both heartbreaking and heartwarming to see the reaction of the people who have never been thru any k disaster on this level and most do not understand what has happened. Where I am and where I ha seen in parts of Petionville Delmas and listening to others who have been in other part of this city : country. NO RESPONSE for 3 days. No police vehicles, no Red Cross, no NGO's no Minustah. No on the streets to offer any help or direction. Only the radio announcers telling everyone to stay out: Thousands have slept in the parks in Petionville with the stench of dead bodies. Some have no da to homes but are told to sleep outside and breath the contaminated air.

It is almost 4pm and the Americans have just secured the airport. The first response we hear on th is to put toothpaste under our noses while they spray "something" in the air for the smell and rotti dead bodies that have been laying in the streets for 3 days. What are they going to spray us with? "something is all the Haitians are told. Something will be sprayed soon and what will it do to the su and all those still sleeping and living outside? The country is now in control of the US Marines or w entity which has announced the "takeover of Haiti, Food and water is not entering by the airport bu diverted to the D R and trucked in. I guess this is as close to a "rapid response" for the people who

out of food and water today.

Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

On Boutillier 7 people died in a church that collapsed. Walls built around the big mansions collapsed and houses built close to the Laboulle sand quarry buried. Many people lost homes and family. This morning the only boutique having 5 gallon water were purged by the rich families. The boutique had 9 gallons 5 and were being all purchased by one rich person til I ask her please to leave 3 bottles for others to buy. I could only buy one bottle for 11 people who are sleeping next to our tent and are part of my husbands family. I see no caring or concern for the poor people who are tramitized and very scared that another quake will happen and more loss and injuries.

CNN reported after the quake the following morning that help had already arrived. We can see the airport and we drove the streets in the afternoon and we saw no help. Today around 2pm we drove by the airport seeing no response or help in any of the areas we drove.

One thing that is amazing to me is that there is very little looting or damage by people to property and everyone is staying together and taking some actions like clearing the rubble and taking bodies to the Morgue. The destruction is massive in some areas of the city but in the upper part where people are basically just in shock and looking for food and water, a response is manageable and could save lives.

I don't know if we will have water or food tomorrow or the next day. I cannot reach anyone by my Digicel phone but I have heard that we can get help sometime soon but not how or when.

The window of opportunity has opened for a great takeover and we shall see how the Americans and the foreign response value the lives of the survivors.

I am an American living in Haiti for many years. We established trees for Life Haiti and have been planting trees and teaching agro techniwue and increase of food production in the rural areas. I have visited 42 localities over the years and what we do goes against the international agenda. We are not an NGO nor are we registered with the government. We have very little funding but we do what we can to teach others to care and respect our Great Mother Earth. She has made Her great Power known to this country and I hope and pray that this great tragedy will finally change the way Haitians and the powers that be have destroyed her for survival and greed. Haitian cannot continue to rape this country of trees and natural resources if they wish to survive this next generation.

Today is the 11th day since the quake and I finally received a money transfer from Trees for Life for food and gas and we are able to give food to 16 people. We drove to Petionville and saw some bags of rice in the areas where people are camping in the park. NO ONE who lives in small home will sleep inside. We have had two tremors today and people are still traumatized and very afraid. A young girl with an injured and bleeding foot ask for money. She was alone and very disoriented. We see the outside markets are now selling their goods and food but very few are buying for lack of money. My friend who has a small market with a Western Union station says he has no business but maybe 200 people waiting to receive transfers. These people are lucky to have loved ones to send money. Millions do not have outside support of any kind and must depend on relief aid, which I have not seen in this part of city. We see very few cars in the streets and we did not see any official cars or aid workers or response teams or police.

I was told by a friend today who witnessed the mob justice of an armed robber. He was arrested by two police and then turned over to the crowd. They beat him and then burned him til nothing was left but his bones. I have heard a few accounts of police shooting innocent people, including a 15 year old girl who was in a market. The UN trained and armed police seem to have never heard of human rights or been trained to handle any kind of disaster situation. But they do know how to shoot their new guns and proudly wear their uniforms.

I visited the offices of a magazine that is hosting some French journalists but I felt no desire to speak to anyone. I do know some of what is really happening here is being reported but I suspect that countries

like France, the US and European Union would not want it reported how unorganized and inhumane the rescue and response has been, or not been. There will be the standard excuses and much talk from government officials as to the lack of infrastructure and the fear of violence while more suffer from lack of medical care and food. I still wonder how all these millions of dollars pledged to this country will be used and who will be spending it and where. Haiti does not need any more vultures to pick at the bones of the poor, Haiti needs sincere benevolent assistance with no hidden agenda of opportunist greed.

I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are the only people who will use our truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. Her body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law's body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personnel on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

She also told me that she passed the parks in Petionville today and they were finally trying to distribute food but the crowds were unmanageable. A friend who lives in Petionville said the organization giving out food is a private one and not part of the International team for assistance. He said they have been giving food to the people camping in the park for a few days but there is no organized system and fighting for food is happening now.

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Today is the 13th day after the quake and we still felt two slight tremors. Some people I know with no damage to their homes are returning. Some friends came up to visit today and have no home any longer. We talked about how this is a great tragedy but the system must and will change because we are now witnessing the total inept way the government is not giving the help to the people.

I live in a house in Vivy Michel with my friend Neil and his family. He came to see us today on the mountain and he is the first person I have talked to who was downtown and at the General Hospital the night of the earthquake. His wife's aunt was leg injured and in downtown and was taken to GH by family. So he had to spend the night outside the hospital waiting for her to get treated. What he then told me was very gruesome but I feel like people have to know how the Haitian government Hospital doctors treated these disaster victims. My friend told me he saw so many people coming to the hospital and these are the very poor and also in the area of the greatest devastation so I will say the doctors were totally unprepared and overwhelmed. Most of the victims had severe limb damage or had lost an arm, leg or hand and were carrying their severed limbs in some hope they could be re attached. But the most horrific scene he describes is that the doctors started amputating damaged and gangrene limbs of these people every 15 minutes or so with NO anesthesia and then gave the patients a prescription and sends them away with family or friends if they have any with them. The ones that don't are laid in the corridors or even outside the hospital on the ground to recover. The scene is so surreal that he describes to me and I just cover my mouth and can't speak.

I just cannot imagine that this is a government that the UN insists should be in charge and given support to take care of its citizens when it has been so inept for so many years. It was this government that allowed the poor people to build unsafe structures on mountainsides surrounding the city.

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Today is the 14th day after the quake and I finally could reach a few friends when the circuits are not busy. I will probably have to go visit one of the nicer people living in the big houses here who has kindly said I could use his internet.

I received another transfer today from my daughter. She was able to raise \$130 from her co workers and today we needed to replenish our food. I am so thankful for anyone who sends help. However, the dollar exchange is dropping everyday and we are paying higher prices for everything. We are still able to give food to 20 people today.

We still do not see anyone on the mountain except the teams coming to install new communication systems for the recovery effort. I met two very nice men from the U.S . sent by FEMA and who are part of this team. I ask them is there was any help they saw reaching anyone in the city and they said no. They told me the UN, the US, England and France are fighting with the Haitian government for control of distribution. One man also was in Indonesia and Katrina and said he saw the same slow response after these disasters. You would think at least we would see Red Cross teams or medical teams, or tents and ways to have some shelter and food. He said only a few private groups and local churches are giving food but the crowds are huge and hungry. He recommended I did not leave the mountain or go past Petionville even to ask for help. Then he offered me two army ration meals which we tried but only ate the deserts. Sorry I sound ungrateful but I am not in the military nor am I any where near being hungry enough to eat the salty mushy, plastic, beef stew ,yet. It was a nice gesture though even though he did make sure to ask the members of the team if they were going to eat their rations before he offered.

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It is now two weeks past the event that has shaken this country and I hope it has shaken the world to witness how a country so close the Washington D.C. and with so many relatives of Americans living here can be made to suffer because the "powers" that control the goods and money sent cannot agree on how it should be done.

Oh yeah, we heard from a friend of ours whose brother was eligible to return to the states on the plan offered to any Haitian with citizenship in the States who can receive one family member from Haiti. Our friend's brother wants to come back because his family in the states does not cook Haitian food and he doesn't like the American food. Imagine that

God Bless us.

\*" Haitians, as a people, struggle to transform this below, knowing no matter the misery, loss and suffering in time, that out of time, Nan Ginen, our safety lies - lives- wholly unformed by any storylines, (even our own), since before this 'New World's' time began." (Excerpt from Bwa Kayiman, 2007 and the case of Lovinsky Pierre Antoine.) In addition, power concedes nothing, unless it has to, and the Haitian experience with the "Mulatto" Oligarchs also reveals that the Mulatto's definition of liberty and freedom differs from that of the African-Haitian masses. Ultimately, social stratification, oppressive laws, injustice, profit-over- people rulers, organized exclusion of the masses, the impunity of the economic elite, structural elitism, the monstrosities of US/Euro ethno-centricism, (racism, Nazism, financial colonialism, neo-colonialism, ethnic cleansing, forced assimilation) and deliberate containment- in-poverty won't be eradicated unless profit-over- people VALUES are changed."

Quote: Ezili Dant □>

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Today is the 15th day after the quake and still no relief sent to where we are. I know I will receive some funds today from Trees for Life and we will keep feeding people and doing what we can.

I received a phone call today from a missionary in O'kay in the south and she told me someone from her church was trying to contact me. She told me that they are getting help from other missions and that planes were landing there with relief. She said the number of "refugees" meaning those Haitians that were from there are returning to their families but the number is so great and their families don't have anything either.

I heard the plan announced on the radio, and this is a government response, that there are specific stations that will bus people back to their home province with 500gds(\$15.00) and some food. That amount of money will buy food for 4 people for one or two days. There are now some clinics and temporary medical facilities to treat people. And the Red Cross is mentioned, too. It appears the government is trying to get as many people to leave the city.

We have not heard that that the tons of goods that have been flown into the International airport are being distributed yet. Mostly local organizations are giving some help but the international teams are not presently organized or giving help as of today. The government response is slow and incredibly ineffective. There is still a good supply of goods and food in the markets in our area but people have no money to purchase.

I have friends who are giving help on their own anyway they can. One college student I know is organizing a way to get clothes to some of the people living in the parks in Petionville. So many Haitians I know are helping everywhere with frustration because of such a lack of organized ways of delivery of relief. People are calling me to find out how they can volunteer or get some kind of jobs with the relief teams but there is no central location for these teams, yet or any information given on the radio.

We have heard that an area called Leogone is 90% destroyed and no help there yet.



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We are very lucky to have a big cistern for our use for water to wash etc, but no free drinking water or food has arrived on Boutillier as of today

My brother just called me and said that Trees for Life has just wired a substantial donation to our account and we will be able to help many others now Thank you God and thank you to the generous donor.

We just spoke to the local authority for the area damaged on Boutillier and he gave a list of families we will be helping.

Today is the 16th day after the earthquake and we are listening to the radio of people being interviewed by local journalists still crying for food and water. The slums are reporting that they have received food from some local agencies but now they have no water. Jacmel people are demonstrating today because they have received no help, yet. Jacmel is about 3 hours drive from PAP. If the roads are not passable, we see many helicopters that could drop supplies but we have heard that the UN has blocked the Americans from doing this. Fritz's nephew told me he went downtown yesterday and did not see so many people as many have been evacuated but he said the smell was so bad he could not be there long.

My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand . My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and iridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning..basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no".God Bless us.

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Today is the 16th day since the earthquake and I have a list of all the people living in the different zones on Boutillier mountain. I know a man living in the big houses who has a business and came to tell me I could go with him tomorrow to the UN compound next to the airport and request assistance for food, water and tents in the name of Trees for Life Haiti. Since we have an organization we were told this is the only way that help is reaching people so we will go thru the disaster zones and get some help up here. I have dispersed a few funds to some very needy and homeless people so far but the need is so great that we must get some aid relief up here. Since I have the official paperwork for the projects we were to implement before the quake it should make it easier to get what we need up here. I already had my laptop and all the papers from the UN with me, along with my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.

I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served

in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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Forwarded by Ezili's Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network

| 31727|2010-02-02 08:09:34|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Slavery in Haiti....|

--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, Li (wiseladyowl)** wrote:

From: Li (wiseladyowl)  
Subject: Re: Slavery in Haiti....  
To: "sekhmet Johnson"  
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 9:08 PM

go right ahead sister, did not know my posts were not making it on the board so not a prob  
**Wiselady.....**

***OMGosh, I guess I will not "cc" you with forum posts after this one either Wiselady. Yc posts go to the forum, unless you reply to my "cc" copy, in which case only I get the reply....sorry for any confusion. -Sekhmet***

--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: Slavery in Haiti....  
To: "Li (wiseladyowl)"  
Cc: "sekhmet Johnson" , "peter"  
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 6:17 PM

"...bringing this issue to light..."

No problem Wiselady, and I am going to send a "cc" to the forum of your insightful post you say no....this is not an issue that should be discussed in personal emails as it effects the black community IMNSHO, because...."Amerika has made us look like pariahs..."

Black Americans and black immigrants have contributed to building this country - and other countries - from day one. When I read the original article, it was the day or week before the quake and I was just thinking...."Well DAMN!! Those poor people can't BUY a break!! e from Mother Nature!!!!"

As for "deserving of abuse"....that is a global perspective, quiet as it is kept...so black folk better speak up and out ... LOUD and OFTEN, since the international community thinks we should "save ourselves".

Sekhmet....waiting on your reply to send this to the forum.

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, Li (wiseladyowl)** wrote:

From: Li (wiseladyowl)  
Subject: Re: Slavery in Haiti....  
To: "sekhmet Johnson"  
Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 2:08 PM

Thank you for bringing this issue to light, I was not aware of this problem and to be sure there is a lot of sexual abuse by pedophiles thinking that no one cares about the people they are using. We have to be ever more vigilant in protecting our young people against predators since we know that Amerika has made us look like pariahs in our society with the intent of creating faceless victims that others look at as deserving of abuse.

--- On **Tue, 1/26/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Slavery in Haiti....  
To: "Ta-Seti"  
Cc: "peter" , "lady owl" , "hebrew" , "Ginger Daniels"  
Date: Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 4:45 PM

Hello Tafari,

I found the article that Ezili Danto wrote, it is long because she has a lot of links to other articles about the exploitation of Haiti, mineral rights and the people there for decades. I found it slightly confusing, only because like I said, I was mainly focused on troubles in Africa at the same time her articles were written. Anyhoo, she is also slamming the aid groups as being exploiters and not getting the aid to the people it is intended for, but that was before the earthquake took down everything...so folks can/should still donate to the **Haitian Red Cross**....please, or the charity of your choice. - Sekhmet

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**December 25, 2009**

## **The Slavery in Haiti the Media Won't Expose**

*By Ezili Danto*



### The Slavery in Haiti the Media Won't Expose



Every year one or more of these organization - CNN, NBC, [New York Times](#), [Associated Press](#), Reuters, Miami Herald, [ABC/Nightline](#) or another such mouthpiece of the new West Indian trading companies - will, like clockwork, do a piece on how the disease-ridden Haitian poor in Haiti *own* child domestic servants known as- *restaveks* - Kreyòl or *stay with*. Poor young children, mostly small girls, who go *stay with* another family to work for their keep because their own families can't feed and shelter them. They mostly deliberately misidentify this phenomenon - which is present in EVERY poor country - as *slavery* ONLY in Haiti and solely, it seems, to feed the American public with its regular dose on the absurdity of an independent nation of Blacks trying to rule itself without a white colonial figurehead; how uncivilized these Blacks are in their gross treatment of their children as slaves!

This constant popular U.S. media hit on Haiti apparently feeds the white psyche's programming on Haiti, its expectations and their US/Euro cultural narratives of superiority while throwing shame on Haiti precisely to marginalize, ad nauseam, Haiti's great feat of abolishing European chattel slavery, the Triangular Trade and direct colonialism. (See, [Slavery Still Legally Sanctioned under US Constitution](#) and [The Untold Story: U.S. Slavery In The 20th Century](#). See

also, [Letter to AP Editors on Restavek Issue](#); Haitian child restaveks - domestic servants - does not equate to the European TransAtlantic trade/holocaust | [Ezili's counter narrative on the ABC/Nightline report on the abuse of Haitian children](#), July 9, 2008 ; and Restavek: [Letter to the New York Times - Demonizing the Gonaives Hurricane Victims](#), Sept. 14, 2008.)

Exploitation of child domestics is [a global problem, not a Haitian "slavery" issue](#):

"...Studies in Indonesia estimate there are around 400,000 child domestic workers in Jakarta alone and 5 million in Indonesia as a whole. In Venezuela 60 per cent of the girls working between 10 and 14 years of age are employed as domestic workers. Country surveys showed that the proportion of child domestic workers under ten years of age was 26 per cent in Venezuela, 24 per cent in Bangladesh, and 16 per cent in Togo. A survey in Morocco showed that 72 per cent of domestic workers started their working day before 7.00am and 65 per cent went to bed after 11.00pm." (Child Labour: Targeting the intolerable, ILO 1996; Jafrikayiti, from Exploitation of child domestics is a global problem, not a Haitian "slavery" issue. [Windows on Haiti Ann Pale forum discussion of the restavek issue](#), 2003.)

"To equate the restavek issue to slavery is to trivialize the ownership, sanctioned by Euro-American laws, of Africans starting from 1503 in Haiti and ending in 1803 in Haiti when the Africans wrestled their liberty from the European enslavers in combat. That human trafficking trade continued in the US until the Civil War and bears little resemblance to the phenomenon, in most poor countries where children are sent as servants to work at places where they may find an education and food. That restaveks are abused and exploited in Haiti, as in the rest of the developing world, is not questioned.

But the exploitation is ILLEGAL in Haiti. The Haiti child restavek indentured servant issue cannot be equated to the Maafa, to the Euro-American chattel slavery of the TransAtlantic nor the European Trans-Mediterranean slave trade. That's a period, no comma. To do so is to trivialize the European sponsored African holocaust - Maafa." ([Child domestic labor in Haiti is NOT chattel slavery in the way of Western European-styled slavery was.](#))

In none of these journalistic "Haiti exposes" - from a

country that [still legally sanctions slavery](#) under the US Constitution - will the world ever learn of the [Haitian struggle](#) against neocolonialism. How Haiti is destroyed by its ceaseless [independence debt](#) now being extorted by the powerful through neo-liberal economic policies; ravaged by the eleven to thirteen [mercenary families](#) -the US/Euro subcontractors in Haiti - who, with the complicity of the US/Euros and their coup d'etats exclude the majority, own most of the country's wealth while the majority starve and live in utter misery and poverty. How Haiti is ravaged by this tyranny of the rich, by [unfair trade](#), the fraud and corruption of false aid, false benevolence, false charity, false food aid, and the false Christian missions whose help mostly don't reach the intended poorest of the poor but services the rich, *blan kolon* and the global elite's agenda of keeping Haiti in debt and contained-in-poverty.

The mainstream media routinely publishes these articles citing self-serving charities and NGOs pontificating on the horrors of child domestic labor amongst the poor majority- *ti p<sup>è</sup>la*- in Haiti. But they conveniently ignore the real tyrants - the pillaging wealthy at the very top who deny the masses a voice, their votes, economically enslave the poor Haitian majority and cause the perpetuation of the wretched survival system of child domestic servants. They conveniently ignore, for instance, that there may be [more](#) poor Haitian children being sponsored at \$20 to \$40 a pop by Christian missions and the global multinational charity businesses making a profit off Haiti's poverty than there are children in Haiti.

These special media reports and the NGO "research" studies - to get more grants off the backs of Haitians- ignore that, not only does this charity money raised - *in the name of* helping poor children like the ones who are so poor in Haiti they must be lent out to another poor family for work purposes as *restavek* - child laborers/indentured servants - **not reach** such children but the amount that is spent in Haiti is mostly spent on either the child of the rich or the relatively more well-off Haitian child. The real poor child is merely used as BAIT to raise funds that mostly doesn't reach them or help their kind to any great extent in Haiti. The bulk of the money raised by charities and NGOS, in the name of "*helping the poor Haitian people*," mostly, like US/Euro foreign aid to Haiti, stays in the US or in Europe, or is used for salaries for these do-gooders and their Haitian sycophants, for obtaining an Old Dixie Planter's lifestyle in Haiti, for administrative fees, for shipping fees, for dumping food at harvest time to further impoverish the Haitian farmer. But this enslavement, this organized violence at the top in Haiti which creates, since the [Independence Debt](#), the individual violence at the bottom won't get any press. No.

You won't see the mainstream media publishing articles on the institutionalized poverty pimp system in Haiti, going on for over half-a-century now, starting since the early 1950s,

headed by the United States through USAID, USAID insiders and contracted out to the major multinational charitable NGO businesses - CARE International, [Catholic Relief Services](#), World Vision, et al...- , that uses the Haitian poor as bait to collect funds, research grants, food aid contracts, to collect shipping and distribution contracts for the privileged foreigner and their Haitian sycophants so to get richer, more power, maintain the Old Dixie status quo in Haiti. They won't explain that there are false orphanages, [like those described in Schwartz' book](#), that ensures the poor will remain poor and the poor peasant's child will have to become a child servant for sheer survival. And there's false food aid that destroys Haiti's security, dignity and food sovereignty, creates slums like Site Soley.

This real slavery, this organized tyranny and corruption at the top - the enslavement of Haiti's majority by USAID/World Bank/IFI/IMF's poverty pimp system, run mostly by reputable charities/NGOs and the [Haitian Oligarchy](#) - the handful of "white Haitians" - Haiti's economic elite that are the richest people in the Western Hemisphere; this slavery is never exposed in these articles and special reports on child "slavery" in Haiti. (See [Ezili Dant's review of TRAVESTY in Haiti - A true account of Christian missions, orphanages, fraud, food aid and drug trafficking](#), a book by Timothy T. Schwartz; [HLLN on oversight needed on USAID](#); [Letter to the Editors Regarding the Restavek issue in Haiti](#); [Food Donation Rot in New York while Haitian Storm Victims Starve and Die](#), Sept. 8, 2008; and [HLLN Update: Paterson's Timeline for delivery of donated goods for Haiti storm victims](#).)

The African warriors in Haiti fought the English, French, Spanish and a US blockage in order to abolish slavery and take Haiti's independence in 1804. But lone Haiti has been fighting these same forces to maintain its independence, since 1806, when the first successful foreign-supported coup d'etat - that is, the assassination of Haiti's founding father, Jean Jacques Dessalines. It's been since then that the bourgeois/Affranchi/mulatto/white Haitians have been enslaving, through neocolonialism (debt, dependency, privatization, free trade, false aid, false benevolence, [wage slavery](#) and foreign domination/UN occupation), the entire Haitian masses. (See, the [New Slavery Model Fulfilling Leclerc's imperative](#) and [Haiti Forum 2009](#).)

That SLAVERY - the tyranny of the tiny monopoly/mercenary families in Haiti and the USAID/NGO system that supports it for corporate America maintaining the dependency, debt, [exclusion](#), apartheid, unfair wages, the fraud, corruption and false benevolence- is the reason Haitians continue to run to the high seas for refuge, preferring death than to stay enslaved to [Haiti's Oligarchy](#) and NGOs as continued today by the US/UN occupation. ([Capsized, 85 Haitians dead: Haiti's Holocaust Continues - Asylum, Amnesty, Justice denied our kind](#); [Haiti's Holocaust and Middle Passage Continues](#); [The Collar of Impunity: Sexual abuse of Haiti children by Priests, Charity Workers](#) and [UN Peacekeepers and Humanitarian Aid Workers raping, molesting and abusing Haitian children](#).)

For all the unscrupulous and shady businessmen and governments of the world, Haiti has always been a fiscal paradise because [the Neocolonialists' manufactures fear, racist myths and false stereotypes](#) about Haitian brutality, [inherent poverty](#), lack of [natural resources](#), [incompetence](#) (the common neocolonial storyline/[media lies](#)), inherent [violence](#), [decontextualizes Haiti's legacy of impunity/corruption](#) and lies about Haiti not having a viable indigenous culture. These myths, stereotypes, racist lies and self-serving fears control, promote and maintain the world's negative perceptions of Haiti so that empire, their predatory "charitable" and "benevolent" NGOs and the world's corporate oligarchs may contain-Haiti-in-poverty the better to [rob it](#)



[blind](#). (See also, [Oil in Haiti - Economic Reasons for the UN/US occupation](#); [Expose the lies - Haiti's Riches: Interview with Ezili Dant](#); [Mining in Haiti](#); [HLLN on the causes of Haiti deforestation and poverty](#); [Haiti Riches](#) Links; [Digging up Haiti](#); [Map of mining resources in Haiti and showing five oil/gas sites in Haiti](#); [Pointing Guns at Starving Haitians: Violent Haiti is a myth](#); [Legacy of Impunity](#); [Comparing crime, poverty and violence in the rest of the Hemisphere to Haiti](#); [The Two Most Common Neocolonial Storylines about Haiti](#), HLLN [Counter Colonial Narrative](#) Links, [The Independence Debt](#), [The causes of Haiti's poverty and deforestation](#); [Ezili's counter-colonial narrative on Vodun](#); [Haiti Policy Statement for the Obama Team](#), [Recommended HLLN Links \(Energy and Mining in Haiti\): The wealthy, powerful and well-armed are robbing the Haitian people blind](#), and a June 13, 2008 [Nouvelliste](#) article alleging, in sum, that "...in these last months, more than 40 to 50% of the imported rice that is subsidized by the Haitian State is CONSUMED in the DOMINICAN REPUBLIC?.... And that even Haitian clandestinely subsidized petroleum products, cheaper Haiti oil products, are also being consumed by wealthy foreign ships passing through Haitian waters, instead of the impoverished and starving Haitians these food and gas subsidies were intended to benefit...")

That SLAVERY gets no press coverage. Yet, it is the root cause of the continuing child domestic servant issue and Haiti's institutionalized impoverishment. Indeed the media failure to report the truth, their [lies](#) and [simplistic](#) reporting about Haiti, allows impunity for the mercenary families, their agents and US/Euro collaborators. The mainstream media will not do exposes showing that Haiti's poverty, deforestation and instability is the result of the theft and exploitation of Haiti by the world's wealthy countries, their corporations and subcontracting, non-tax-paying [Haitian mercenary families](#). These untouchables - Category Two (*Bafy yo*)- get no such mainstream journalistic exposes though they, with their forces (*Nd/em>*) - that is, the military, economic, diplomatic, political, neocolonial and media power of the US/Euro imperialist (Category One) are the ones maintaining slavery, misrule and poverty in Haiti - turning an entire nation of over 9 million Blacks into *restaveks*!

*Ezili HLLN's work and media campaign gives voice to this Haiti narrative and enslavement. We are re-membering the dismembered Bwa Kayiman call - E, e, Mbomba, e, e! Kanga Bafy Kanga Munde. Kanga Nd Kanga yo!*

*Our intention at Ezili's HLLN is to extend from our [Ginen source](#), create a new paradigm - help liberate and develop Haiti and thus foil the black collaborators/traitors (*kanga bafy/em>*), stop the tyrannical white settlers/*blan* strangers (*kanga munde*). Bind all their evil forces/sorcerers (*kanga Nd/em>*). Stop their *Nd*- that is, their fraud, false charity, false media, false schooling of Haiti's children, false NGOs, false charity, false Christian missions in haiti, false USAID benevolence, false humanitarian aid and their media untruths. Stop them!*

*E, e, Mbomba! Kanga Bafy Kanga Munde. Kanga Nd Kanga li!*

[Ezili Dant >/HLLN](#)

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**[For more background information:](#)**



[Listen to the Welfare Poets's song Sak Pase and their reciting \(at 2:05\) the Bwa Kayiman invocation or call:](#) E, e, Mbomba! Kanga Bafy□ Kanga Mundeles. Kanga Nd□ Kanga li!;

Please also refer to the three posts by Ezili Dant□ritten back in August of 2003, before the occupation where I wrote: Beloved, know, no matter what you hear from the **Bafy□, Mundeles or Nd□**, Haitians love themselves and their children and Haitians are pushing to come together to stop the abuse of poor, unprotected children, as well as to raise awareness of the plight of the Restavek. These three post give a historical perspective, some critical observations, and hopefully, will add to the many concerned Haitian voices clamoring to legally amend Chapter 9 of the Haitian Labor Code which sanctions child domestic labor, and, for a nationwide educational campaign on parenting and the rights of Haitian children.

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- See, **Slavery Still Legally Sanctioned under US Constitution** - The 13th Amendment states: "Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, **EXCEPT** as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction." For more on slavery in the US, sharecropping and the peonage system, see - [The Cotton Pickin' Truth..Still on the plantation; The Untold Story: Slavery In The 20th Century.](#)

Know that: - "An increasing number of prisons in the U.S. are run by corporations, using their prisoners as workers and selling their labor to corporations. Federal safety and health standards do not protect prison labor, nor do the National Labor Relations Board policies. The corporations do not even have to pay minimum wage.

- "J.C. Penney, Victoria's Secret, IBM, Toys R Us and TWA are among the US corporations that have profited by employing prisoners. Put together long mandatory sentences for minor drug offenses, a strong racial bias, prisons run by corporations for profit, the sale of convict labor to corporations, and a charge for prison room and board and you have a modern system of bonded labor - a social condition otherwise known as slavery." [from [Take It Personally: How to Make Conscious Choices to Change the World](#) edited by Anita Roddick, p.75]

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"...The US government must stay out of our affairs and let us run our country. Each time they organize a coup d'État in Haiti - we have already 35 or 36 coups d'État in our history - we have to start over. This US policy of wanting to control everything in Haiti is blocking development as well as political, social or sociopolitical progress..." (--Lovinsky Pierre Antoine, interview entitled "[Sovereignty and Justice in Haiti](#)" by Darren Ell, March 4, 2007)

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[Haitian-Americans ask the US Congress and President](#) to...end the UN occupation; stop unequal immigration treatment of Haitian refugees and asylum seekers; cancel, without condition, Haiti's debt to international financial institutions; void unfair trade laws, start fair and reciprocal trade, restrict free trade so not to dump food and other imports into Haiti that eviscerate Haiti's domestic growth and by also calibrating Haiti's domestic needs for

agricultural expansion, public works, job creation, health care, schools, sanitation, infrastructure, and by adding enforceable human rights, labor, environmental rights provisions in US trade laws; permanently stop all deportations to Haiti, grant TPS; release of the political prisoners; stop trading for Haiti with USAID - foreign aid should go directly to the Haitian government; demand new foreign aid guidelines and oversight of USAID in Haiti; [respect Haitian sovereignty and the Haitian vote](#); return President Aristide; investigate the role of US in the 2004 coup d'etat where US Special forces forcibly exiled President Jean Bertrand Aristide via an unmarked plane used for renditions.

- U.S. good governance and democratic enhancement policies administered by USAID should result in maximizing, not depleting or obliterating the Haitian Diaspora's \$2 Billion annual remittances and investments in Haiti; the next US Congress and President should implement new US foreign assistance regulations, guidelines and oversight to ensure foreign aid administered by USAID actually reaches the people in need, doesn't stay in Washington and is not primarily used for USAID's political benefactors, NGOs and non-profit's administrative, salary or shipping/transportation fees. (For complete details, go to: [What Haitians and Haitian-Americans Ask of the New US Congress and President](#) and [Haiti Policy Statement for the Obama Team](#)).

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[HLLN's Letter to AP Editors on Restavek Issue](#)

**On AP story entitled *Report says 225,000 Haiti children work as slaves* written by Evens Sanon**

**Regarding the Restavek issue in Haiti and [The Slavery in Haiti the Media Won't Expose](#)**

Dear AP Editors:

We are writing you today in referenced to the Associated Press' story by Evens Sanon, entitled "[Report says 225,000 Haiti children work as slaves](#)."

The article, citing the Pan American Development Foundation, explains that "Poverty has forced at least 225,000 children in Haiti's cities into slavery as unpaid household servants, far more than previously thought" and "said some of those children -- mostly young girls -- suffer sexual, psychological and physical abuse while toiling in extreme hardship."

At Ezili's HLLN we find it repugnant when children are forced to work for food and shelter, not provided with good schooling and a loving and nurturing childhood is stolen from them. We all must together change this for the world's poor. But our concern is that in all poor countries there is some form of child labor. Until very recently child labor was also prevalent in industrialized countries including the United States. Today, the media is calling child domestics "slaves" only in Haiti. This is far too obvious, racist, arbitrary and capricious. Please consider reporting on the real enslavement in Haiti - that is, the slavery in Haiti the media won't expose: eleven to thirteen mercenary families in Haiti own most of the country's wealth while the majority starve and live in utter misery and poverty.

There would not be child labor in Haiti without the tyranny of the rich, the false charity of

US/Euro Christian missions, the false orphanages, false food aid, false Euro/US benevolence administered by USAID that serves the wealth-off in Haiti not the poorest of the poor and the regime changes and coup d'etats they sponsor with the backing of US/Euro governments to keep the majority of Haitians in poverty's bondage. (See, [Ezili Dant's review of TRAVESTY in Haiti - A true account of Christian missions, orphanages, fraud, food aid and drug trafficking.](#))

Euro/US financial colonialism, false charity and fraudulent free trade destabilizes, causes famine, instability and slums in Haiti. This allows the wealthy to exploit the poorest of the poor and forces the poor to send their children to relatives or others supposedly better able to take care of them. Your media ought to report this and stop the capricious colonial narrative that only labels Haitian child domestics as "slaves" but won't report what causes Haiti's impoverishment.

The long term solution for Haiti's future, for Haiti's small children is equitable distribution of the [Haiti's resources](#), an end to foreign-sponsored dependence, false benevolence, occupation/dictatorships/regime change and the monopoly of the rich, forced scarcity and assimilation, [exclusion of the majority](#), endless debts, financial colonialism, and the [fraudulent free trade](#) of US foreign policy that causes famine, wage slavery and containment in perpetual poverty.

(For more, go to: [The Slavery in Haiti the Media Won't Expose](#), and [TRAVESTY in Haiti - A true account of Christian missions, orphanages, fraud, food aid and drug trafficking.](#)) Thank you.

Ezili Dant > Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network (HLLN),  
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See also,

[Restavek: Letter to the New York Times - Demonizing the Gonaives Hurricane Victims](#), Sept. 14, 2008

[click here](#)

[Haitian child restaveks - domestic servants - does not equate to the European TransAtlantic trade/holocaust | Ezili's counternarrative on the ABC/Nightline report on the abuse of Haitian children](#), July 9, 2008

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[Report says 225,000 Haiti children work as slaves](#)

By EVENS SANON ([AP](#)) December 23, 2009

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti -- Poverty has forced at least 225,000 children in Haiti's cities into slavery as unpaid household servants, far more than previously thought, a report said Tuesday.

*The Pan American Development Foundation's report also said some of those children -- mostly young girls -- suffer sexual, psychological and physical abuse while toiling in extreme hardship.*

*The report recommends Haiti's government and international donors focus efforts on educating the poor and expanding social services such as shelters for girls, who make up an estimated two-thirds of the child servant population.*

*Young servants are known as "restavek" -- Haitian Creole for "stays with" -- and their plight is both widely known and a source of great shame in the Caribbean nation that was founded by a slave revolt more than 200 years ago.*

*Researchers said the practice is so common that almost half of 257 children interviewed in the sprawling Port-au-Prince shantytown of Cite Soleil were household slaves.*

*Most are sent by parents who cannot afford to care for them to families just slightly better off. Researchers found 11 percent of families that have a restavek have sent their own children into domestic servitude elsewhere.*

*Despite growing attention to the problem, researchers said their sources were unaware of any prosecutions of cases involving trafficking children or using them as unpaid servants in this deeply poor nation of more than 9 million people.*

*Glenn Smucker, one of the report's authors and a cultural anthropologist known for extensive work on Haiti, said he believes the number of restavek children is increasing proportionally with the population of Port-au-Prince as more migrants flee rural poverty to live in the capital.*

*The researchers surveyed more than 1,400 random households in five Haitian urban areas in late 2007 and early 2008, with funding help from the U.S. Agency for International Development.*

*The most widely used previous number for restaveks came from a 2002 UNICEF survey, which estimated there were 172,000.*

*The new report used a broader counting system to include children related to household owners but still living in servitude, such as nieces or cousins, and as well as "boarders" living temporarily with another family but are still forced to provide labor.*

*"Most people working with restavek children ... think that these numbers, both ours and UNICEF's, are actually underestimating the problem," said Herve Razafimbahini, the Pan American Development Foundation's program director in Haiti.*

*He called for Haitian officials to conduct a national survey to analyze the full scope of the problem, including in rural areas.*

*Officials with the Ministry of Social Affairs could not be reached for comment Tuesday.*

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*Associated Press writers Evens Sanon reported this story from Port-Au-Prince and Jonathan M. Katz reported from San Juan, Puerto Rico.*

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From: rob@opednews.com  
Subject: sekhmet, thank you for telling your friend(s)  
To: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Sunday, December 27, 2009, 1:02 PM

I just received a request from you to send an email  
to your friend(s) recommending this article:  
OpEdNews - Article: The Slavery in Haiti the Media Won't Expose

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Thank you very much. As the owner of Op Ed News,  
let me express my gratitude to you for sharing our article  
at <http://www.opednews.com/articles/The-Slavery-in-Haiti-the-M-by-Ezili-Danto-091224-934.html>

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--- On **Sun, 1/31/10**, **Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Tafari/Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for  
Life Haiti

To: "Marc Washington"



Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010, 12:28 PM

I even tried emailing [forksyarroads@ aol.com](mailto:forksyarroads@aol.com) by clicking the address, but got a  
run-around requiring signing into yahoo.com with  
securityquestions,etc.Nevertheless, I do think it would be most effective to find  
out how we could wire cash directly to such a person, who has been on the ground  
before, during and after the quake,feeding and clothing others with her limited  
resources.

Peter

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To: [Ta\\_Seti@yahoogroups.crunaround](mailto:Ta_Seti@yahoogroups.crunaround) om  
From: sappie1952@yahoo.com  
Date: Sun, 31 Jan 2010 10:18:12 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Tafari/Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

All I could do is weep and read..... and we THINK we are dealing with something   
brakes my heart and all I can say is BLESS them all ....

**sin:** "to miss the point of human existence"

--- On **Sat, 1/30/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Tafari/Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com, "Ta-Seti"  
Cc: "peter" , "lady owl"  
Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 6:36 PM

Hello Tafari,

I promised not to "cc" you again, but I wanted to know if I could forward this post to a couple "news blogs" and criminal justice blogs I am on? I will make whatever Name changes you are appropriate, but I am not familiar with the towns mentioned except Port Au Prince and only because it is the capitol. I know the rural folks need more help than those in the cities....large or small city.

OWNER - PLEASE NOTE - I can also "delete" this forum name if that is best....no problem  
Sekhmet

Nothing in all the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity  
Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti  
To: maatcollective@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 5:25 PM



--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, FORKSYROADS@ aol.com** [FORKSYROADS@ aol.com](mailto:FORKSYROADS@aol.com) wrote:

From: FORKSYROADS@ aol.com

Subject: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: forksyaroads@ aol.com

Date: Friday, January 29, 2010, 3:36 PM

Thursday, January 28, 2010 6:58 PM

From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

To: Zili

I have not had internet access until now.....I am an american living in Haiti for over 20 years and established Trees for Life Haiti. see [treesforlife.org](http://treesforlife.org). I had my computer with me to write what I am sending. I want to thank everyone on your site for the information and motivation to change the way life is here. Mother Earth has broken the system and it is time for a new system and a new way of living in this beautiful country with its amazing and beautiful people.

GS - Haiti earthquake survivor and witness  
Trees for Life Haiti

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Today is the 3rd day after the earthquake in Haiti and I am in my tent on Boutillier. I am from the US and lived in California for many years thru a few low point quakes and tremors. I am used to the kind of response that I would experience in the US after such a great disaster, but today in Haiti it is both heartbreaking and heartwarming to see the reaction of the people who have never been thru any kind of disaster on this level and most do not understand what has happened. Where I am and where I have seen in parts of Petionville Delmas and listening to others who have been in other part of this city and the country. NO RESPONSE for 3 days. No police vehicles, no Red Cross, no NGO's no Minustah. No one on the streets to offer any help or direction. Only the radio announcers telling everyone to stay outside. Thousands have slept in the parks in Petionville with the stench of dead bodies. Some have no damage to homes but are told to sleep outside and breath the contaminated air.

It is almost 4pm and the Americans have just secured the airport. The first response we hear on the radio is to put toothpaste under our noses while they spray "something" in the air for the smell and rotting of dead bodies that have been laying in the streets for 3 days. What are they going to spray us with???? "something" is all the Haitians are told. Something will be sprayed soon and what will it do to the survivors and all those still sleeping and living outside? The country is now in control of the US Marines or whatever entity which has announced the "takeover of Haiti, Food and water is not entering by the airport but diverted to the D R and trucked in. I guess this is as close to a "rapid response" for the people who are out of food and water today.

Maybe this is why they have ask all Americans to leave. I am not leaving by choice as I have family ties and many friends since living here for 20 years.

On Boutillier 7 people died in a church that collapsed. Walls built around the big mansions collapsed and houses built close to the Laboulle sand quarry buried. Many people lost homes and family. This morning the only boutique having 5 gallon water were purged by the rich families. The boutique had 9 gallons 5 and were being all purchased by one rich person til I ask her please to leave 3 bottles for others to buy. I could only buy one bottle for 11 people who are sleeping next to our tent and are part of my husbands family. I see no caring or concern for the poor people who are tramitized and very scared that another quake will happen and more loss and injuries.



CNN reported after the quake the following morning that help had already arrived. We can see the airport and we drove the streets in the afternoon and we saw no help. Today around 2pm we drove by the airport seeing no response or help in any of the areas we drove.

One thing that is amazing to me is that there is very little looting or damage by people to property and everyone is staying together and taking some actions like clearing the rubble and taking bodies to the Morgue. The destruction is massive in some areas of the city but in the upper part where people are basically just in shock and looking for food and water, a response is manageable and could save lives.

I don't know if we will have water or food tomorrow or the next day. I cannot reach anyone by my Digicel phone but I have heard that we can get help sometime soon but not how or when.

The window of opportunity has opened for a great takeover and we shall see how the Americans and the foreign response value the lives of the survivors.

I am an American living in Haiti for many years. We established trees for Life Haiti and have been planting trees and teaching agro techniwue and increase of food production in the rural areas. I have visited 42 localities over the years and what we do goes against the international agenda. We are not an NGO nor are we registered with the government. We have very little funding but we do what we can to teach others to care and respect our Great Mother Earth. She has made Her great Power known to this country and I hope and pray that this great tragedy will finally change the way Haitians and the powers that be have destroyed her for survival and greed. Haitian cannot continue to rape this country of trees and natural resources if they wish to survive this next generation.

Today is the 11th day since the quake and I finally received a money transfer from Trees for Life for food and gas and we are able to give food to 16 people. We drove to Petionville and saw some bags of rice in the areas where people are camping in the park. NO ONE who lives in small home will sleep inside. We have had two tremors today and people are still traumatized and very afraid. A young girl with an injured and bleeding foot ask for money. She was alone and very disoriented. We see the outside markets are now selling their goods and food but very few are buying for lack of money. My friend who has a small market with a Western Union station says he has no business but maybe 200 people waiting to receive transfers. These people are lucky to have loved ones to send money. Millions do not have outside support of any kind and must depend on relief aid, which I have not seen in this part of city. We see very few cars in the streets and we did not see any official cars or aid workers or response teams or police.

I was told by a friend today who witnessed the mob justice of an armed robber. He was arrested by two police and then turned over to the crowd. They beat him and then burned him til nothing was left but his bones. I have heard a few accounts of police shooting innocent people, including a 15 year old girl who was in a market. The UN trained and armed police seem to have never heard of human rights or been trained to handle any kind of disaster situation. But they do know how to shoot their new guns and proudly wear their uniforms.

I visited the offices of a magazine that is hosting some French journalists but I felt no desire to speak to anyone. I do know some of what is really happening here is being reported but I suspect that countries like France, the US and European Union would not want it reported how unorganized and inhumane the rescue and response has been.or not been. There will be the standard excuses and much talk from government officials as to the lack of infrastructure and the fear of violence while more suffer from lack of medical care and food. I still wonder how all these millions of dollars pledged to this country will be used and who will be spending it and where. Haiti does not need any more vultures to pick at the bones of the poor, Haiti needs sincere benevolent assistance with no hidden agenda of opportunist greed.

I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are the only people who will use our truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. He body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law's body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personal on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

She also told me that she passed the parks in Petionville today and they were finally trying to distribute food but the crowds were unmanageable. A friend who lives in Petionville said the organization giving out food is a private one and not part of the International team for assistance. He said they have been giving food to the people camping in the park for a few days but there is no organized system and fighting for food is happening now.

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Today is the 13th day after the quake and we still felt two slight tremors. Some people I know with no damage to their homes are returning. Some friends came up to visit today and have no home any longer. We talked about how this is a great tragedy but the system must and will change because we are now witnessing the total inept way the government is not giving the help to the people.

I live in a house in Vivy Michel with my friend Neil and his family. He came to see us today on the mountain and he is the first person I have talked to who was downtown and at the General Hospital the night of the earthquake. His wife's aunt was leg injured and in downtown and was taken to GH by family. So he had to spend the night outside the hospital waiting for her to get treated. What he then told me was very gruesome but I feel like people have to know how the Haitian government Hospital doctors treated these disaster victims. My friend told me he saw so many people coming to the hospital and these are the

very poor and also in the area of the greatest devastation so I will say the doctors were totally unprepared and overwhelmed. Most of the victims had severe limb damage or had lost an arm, leg or hand and were carrying their severed limbs in some hope they could be re attached. But the most horrific scene he describes is that the doctors started amputating damaged and gangrene limbs of these people every 15 minutes or so with NO anesthesia and then gave the patients a prescription and sends them away with family or friends if they have any with them. The ones that don't are laid in the corridors or even outside the hospital on the ground to recover. The scene is so surreal that he describes to me and I just cover my mouth and can't speak.

I just cannot imagine that this is a government that the UN insists should be in charge and given support to take care of its citizens when it has been so inept for so many years. It was this government that allowed the poor people to build unsafe structures on mountainsides surrounding the city.

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Today is the 14th day after the quake and I finally could reach a few friends when the circuits are not busy. I will probably have to go visit one of the nicer people living in the big houses here who has kindly said I could use his internet.

I received another transfer today from my daughter. She was able to raise \$130 from her co workers and today we needed to replenish our food. I am so thankful for anyone who sends help. However, the dollar exchange is dropping everyday and we are paying higher prices for everything. We are still able to give food to 20 people today.

We still do not see anyone on the mountain except the teams coming to install new communication systems for the recovery effort. I met two very nice men from the U.S . sent by FEMA and who are part of this team. I ask them is there was any help they saw reaching anyone in the city and they said no. They told me the UN, the US, England and France are fighting with the Haitian government for control of distribution. One man also was in Indonesia and Katrina and said he saw the same slow response after these disasters. You would think at least we would see Red Cross teams or medical teams, or tents and ways to have some shelter and food. He said only a few private groups and local churches are giving food but the crowds are huge and hungry. He recommended I did not leave the mountain or go past Petionville even to ask for help. Then he offered me two army ration meals which we tried but only ate the deserts. Sorry I sound ungrateful but I am not in the military nor am I any where near being hungry enough to eat the salty mushy, plastic, beef stew ,yet. It was a nice gesture though even though he did make sure to ask the members of the team if they were going to eat their rations before he offered.

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It is now two weeks past the event that has shaken this country and I hope it has shaken the world to witness how a country so close the Washington D.C. and with so many relatives of Americans living here can be made to suffer because the "powers" that control the goods and money sent cannot agree on how it should be done.

Oh yeah, we heard from a friend of ours whose brother was eligible to return to the states on the plan offered to any Haitian with citizenship in the States who can receive one family member from Haiti. Our friend's brother wants to come back because his family in the states does not cook Haitian food and he doesn't like the American food. Imagine that

God Bless us.

\*" Haitians, as a people, struggle to transform this below, knowing no matter the misery, loss and suffering in time, that out of time, Nan Ginen, our safety lies - lives- wholly unformed by any storylines, (even our own), since before this 'New World's' time began." (Excerpt from Bwa Kayiman, 2007 and the case of Lovinsky Pierre Antoine.) In addition, power concedes nothing, unless it has to, and the Haitian experience with the "Mulatto" Oligarchs also reveals that the Mulatto's definition of liberty and freedom differs from that of the African-Haitian masses. Ultimately, social stratification, oppressive laws, injustice, profit-over- people rulers, organized exclusion of the masses, the impunity of the economic elite, structural elitism, the monstrosities of US/Euro ethno-centricism, (racism, Nazism, financial colonialism, neo-colonialism, ethnic cleansing, forced assimilation) and deliberate containment- in-poverty won't be eradicated unless profit-over- people VALUES are changed."

Quote: Ezili Dant□>

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Today is the 15th day after the quake and still no relief sent to where we are. I know I will receive some funds today from Trees for Life and we will keep feeding people and doing what we can.

I received a phone call today from a missionary in O'key in the south and she told me someone from her church was trying to contact me. She told me that they are getting help from other missions and that planes were landing there with relief. She said the number of "refugees" meaning those Haitians that were from there are returning to their families but the number is so great and their families don't have anything either.

I heard the plan announced on the radio, and this is a government response, that there are specific stations that will bus people back to their home province with 500gds(\$15.00) and some food. That amount of money will buy food for 4 people for one or two days. There are now some clinics and temporary medical facilities to treat people. And the Red Cross is mentioned, too. It appears the government is trying to get as many people to leave the city.

We have not heard that that the tons of goods that have been flown into the International airport are being distributed yet. Mostly local organizations are giving some help but the international teams are not presently organized or giving help as of today. The government response is slow and incredibly ineffective. There is still a good supply of goods and food in the markets in our area but people have no money to purchase.

I have friends who are giving help on their own anyway they can. One college student I know is organizing a way to get clothes to some of the people living in the parks in Petionville. So many Haitians I know are helping everywhere with frustration because of such a lack of organized ways of delivery of relief. People are calling me to find out how they can volunteer or get some kind of jobs with the relief teams but there is no central location for these teams, yet or any information given on the radio.

We have heard that an area called Leogone is 90% destroyed and no help there yet.

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We are very lucky to have a big cistern for our use for water to wash etc, but no free drinking water or food has arrived on Boutillier as of today

My brother just called me and said that Trees for Life has just wired a substantial donation to our account and we will be able to help many others now Thank you God and thank you to the generous donor.

We just spoke to the local authority for the area damaged on Boutillier and he gave a list of families we will be helping.

Today is the 16th day after the earthquake and we are listening to the radio of people being interviewed by local journalists still crying for food and water. The slums are reporting that they have received food from some local agencies but now they have no water. Jacmel people are demonstrating today because they have received no help, yet. Jacmel is about 3 hours drive from PAP. If the roads are not passable, we see many helicopters that could drop supplies but we have heard that the UN has blocked the Americans from doing this. Fritz's nephew told me he went downtown yesterday and did not see so many people as many have been evacuated but he said the smell was so bad he could not be there long.

My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand. My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and iridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning..basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no". God Bless us.

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Today is the 16th day since the earthquake and I have a list of all the people living in the different zones on Boutiller mountain. I know a man living in the big houses who has a business and came to tell me I could go with him tomorrow to the UN compound next to the airport and request assistance for food, water and tents in the name of Trees for Life Haiti. Since we have an organization we were told this is the only way that help is reaching people so we will go thru the disaster zones and get some help up here. I have dispersed a few funds to some very needy and homeless people so far but the need is so great that we must get some aid relief up here. Since I have the official paperwork for the projects we were to implement before the quake it should make it easier to get what we need up here. I already had my laptop and all the papers from the UN with me, along with my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.

I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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Forwarded by Ezili's Haitian Lawyers Leadership Network

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| 31729|2010-02-02 08:09:39|Peter Gray|Re: Voodoo is who "we" are?|

As I've said on this forum before, Vodun is a syncretism between West African religion and Catholicism, and was created on Haitian soil. Santeria is its equivalent in Cuba, and it is there is variant called Shango in Trinidad also.

Peter

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CC: atenergy@hotmail.com; wiseladyowl@yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Date: Fri, 29 Jan 2010 13:14:33 -0800  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] Voodoo is who "we" are?

"Must we give up who we are...."

Hello Tafari,

if you mean the descendants of the Black Diaspora.... that is the "plan"....to become assimilated body and soul into Western or Eastern, patriarchal religions. At least from my perspective, and that would include receiving "charity" from a religious perspective that is.

This is an interesting site, thanks for the link. I was under the impression that Vodoun was mainly in South Carolina as a historical base for black Americans, Santeria was mainly in Florida and California. I guess I was mistaken.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Wed, 1/27/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

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Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 4:56 PM

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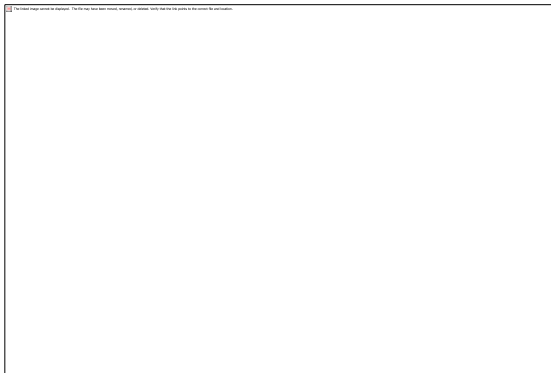
| 31730|2010-02-02 08:09:41|sekhmet Johnson|Re: 'Orphan Rescue' Hits Nerve among Haitians|  
Uhhhhh, "church" or not, this is not the "antebellum south". You can't travel to another country  
and pick out a bunch of brown babies for your own home.If you just wanted black and brown  
kids, you could have gone to downtown Idaho orDetroit. -Sekhmet

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## 'Orphan Rescue' Attempt Hits Nerve among Haitians

by Frank Bajak

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Ten US Baptists who were detained while trying to take 33  
children out of earthquake-shattered Haiti without government permission say they  
were just trying to do the right thing, applying Christian principles to save Haitian  
children.



One of the 33 Haitian children who were  
being taken out of the country sat yesterday at the SOS Children's Village outside of  
Port-au-Prince. (Roberto Schmidt/ AFP/ Getty Images)

But their "Orphan Rescue Mission" is striking nerves in a country that has long suffered  
from child trafficking and foreign interventions, and where much of the aid is delivered  
in ways that challenge Haiti's own religious traditions.

Prime Minister Max Bellerive yesterday told the Associated Press that the group was  
arrested and is under judicial investigation "because it is illegal trafficking of children,  
and we won't accept that."

The Americans are the first people to be arrested since the Jan. 12 earthquake on such



suspicions. No charges have been filed.

The government and established child welfare agencies are trying to slow Haitian adoptions amid fears that parentless or lost children are more vulnerable than ever to being seized and sold. Without proper documents and concerted efforts to track down their parents, they could be forever separated from family members able and willing to care for them.

Yves Cristallin, Haiti's social affairs minister, said the Americans were suspected of taking part in an illegal adoption scheme.

The orphanage where the children were later taken said some of the children have parents who were apparently told the children were going on a holiday from the post-quake misery.

The church group's own mission statement said it planned to spend only hours in the devastated capital, quickly identifying children without immediate families and busing them to a rented hotel in the Dominican Republic without bothering to get permission from the Haitian government.

Whatever the group's intentions, other child welfare organizations in Haiti said the plan was foolish at best.

"The instinct to swoop in and rescue children may be a natural impulse, but it cannot be the solution for the tens of thousands of children left vulnerable by the Haiti earthquake," said Deb Barry, a protection expert at Save the Children, which wants a moratorium on new adoptions. "The possibility of a child being scooped up and mistakenly labeled an orphan in the chaotic aftermath of the disaster is incredibly high." The church members, most from Idaho, said they were trying to rescue abandoned and traumatized children.

"In this chaos the government is in right now, we were just trying to do the right thing," the group's spokeswoman, Laura Silsby, said from inside Haiti's judicial police headquarters, where she and others were being held until a hearing today.

Officials said they lacked the proper documents for the children, whose names were written on pink tape on their shirts.

The children, ages 2 months to 12 years, were taken to an orphanage run by Austrian-based SOS Children's Villages, where spokesman George Willeit said they arrived "very hungry, very thirsty, some dehydrated."

The orphanage was working yesterday to reunite the children with their families, joining a concerted effort by the Haitian government, the United Nations, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and other NGOs.

In Idaho, the Rev. Clint Henry denied that his Central Valley Baptist Church had anything to do with child trafficking.

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Muhammad Mahmoud  
Giza, Egypt

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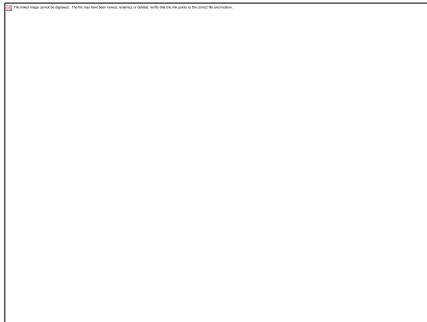
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## Haitian medical evacuation flights,

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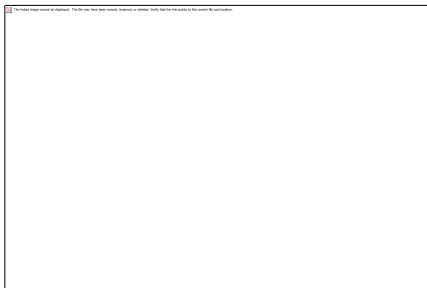
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*APA woman asks for food as US Army soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division stand guard during the distribution*

*By PAISLEY DODDS, Associated Press Writer Paisley Dodds, Associated Press Writer*  
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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti The U.S. military has resumed urgent medical evacuation flights for Haitian quake victims, an official announced Monday, and life for survivors took a step toward normalcy as many schools reopened for the first time since an earthquake devastated the nation.

U.S. Army Col. Gregory Kane said a medical evacuation flight left Haiti for the United States Sunday night, almost five days after the flights were suspended by squabbling over space and health costs at American public hospitals.

"They have resumed," Kane said. He said he had no details.

The U.S. military had another plane ready to go Monday with a capacity for 15 patients, said the chief medical officer at the University of Miami field hospital in Haiti, Dr. Mike Sheehan.

"We have a list of seven people who would probably die within 48 hours if they don't get out of here," he told The Associated Press.

The White House said it was resuming the military airlift of critically injured earthquake victims after being assured that additional medical capacity exists in U.S. hospitals. The halt of flights on Wednesday worried doctors in Haiti who said hundreds

could die without specialized care.

Many public schools reopened Monday for the first time since the Jan. 12 earthquake, but most were still closed even in outlying provinces where damage was minimal. And in the capital, schoolchildren will likely be on the streets for months, government officials warned.

The government said Monday it expected most provincial schools to reopen by Feb. 8 instead of on Monday as anticipated by many families.

Anne Rose Bouget, a primary school teacher in the southwestern city of Les Cayes, said schools reopened there with more students than usual because some 300,000 people, including many schoolchildren, fled Port-au-Prince after the quake.

Also Monday, Haitian officials were trying to determine what to do with 10 U.S.

Baptists who were arrested on Friday for trying to take 33 children out of the country without permission from the government.

The church members, most from Idaho, said they were just trying to rescue orphaned victims of the quake, but their action came at a moment of rising concern that quickie adoptions could permanently separate Haitian children from their parents, or expose them to exploitation.

Haiti's communications minister said the government was in talks with U.S. diplomats about sending the Baptists to the U.S. for prosecution because Haiti's court system was crippled by the quake.

Most of Haiti's schools are damaged or destroyed. Many teachers are dead. And the students in starched uniforms and blue hair ribbons who were visions of hope and innocence in Haiti's capital now often live in squalid camps, their dreams and city shattered.

"With everything that has already happened in the past few years the floods, hurricanes, unrest these children cannot afford to lose more time outside school," said Berdadel Perkington, 40, a teacher giving an impromptu math lesson to a group of children outside the collapsed National Palace.

"The children are in shock and they are traumatized," said Marie-Laurence Jocelin Lassegue, minister of culture and communications. "Some of them have lost their friends, their parents. It's like the end of the world for some of them."

Kent Page, a spokesman for the U.N. children's agency UNICEF, children need to get back to class so they have a sense of normalcy.

"None of us like being out of school," said Ludmia Exiloud, 14, who was walking with a group of her friends at dawn on Monday, when they usually are headed to class. "We miss our studies. There's nothing to do."

But schools reopening them, re-staffing them, restocking them, relocating them are just one of many urgent priorities here. The Ministry of Education its own building destroyed is still assessing damage.

In the long term, UNICEF hopes to boost overall school enrollment. Child welfare groups say just over half of all school-age children in Haiti don't attend school, though even the poorest of Haitian families try to send at least one child to class hoping they will someday earn enough to support extended family.

For some, though, the quake robbed them of any hope.

"They've cut off my leg," said Billie Flon, 9, a quake amputee who stoically explained that he now needs to beg for money in Petionville, a hilly suburb of Port-au-Prince, to

help his family because its house was destroyed. He said he can't think about returning to school now.

Another young boy who had his leg amputated after the earthquake begged on an adjacent corner.

In the camps for earthquake victims, some children try in vain to keep up with their studies.

"I'm reading when I can, but the conditions are very bad so sometimes I read cartoons instead of my school books," said Erika Desire, a 13-year-old whose school was destroyed and who lives in a camp with her mother and sisters. "I want to be a medical technician, but now it's going to take me more time."

During her short life, she estimates she's lost about a year's worth of school four months in 2004 when rebels ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, another month in 2005 because of sickness, two months in 2006 because of tropical storms and three months in floods last year.

The earthquake will force her to lose at least two months more.

High school senior Graham Fleuran, meanwhile, said he is eager to take Senegal up on its offer to relocate.

Senegal's president, Abdoulaye Wade, offered free land to Haitians wishing to return to their African origins. Many of the slaves brought to Haiti came from West Africa.

Practical details of how the plan would work have yet to be released.

"My mother died in the earthquake and my father is still missing," said Fleuran, who spoke in precise English and carried a backpack of school books his only possessions.

"Leaving Haiti may give me the best opportunity to get back to my studies. I dream of becoming a lawyer."

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Associated Press Writer Ben Fox contributed to this report from Port-au-Prince.

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**Yoruba Deities in the Bible**

Esu, Ogun, Adimu, Elegbara, Orisa



**Lecture by Asar Imhotep**

Asar Imhotep is an independent historian who

| 31738|2010-02-02 08:17:21|Peter Gray|Re: Haiti: Medevac flights, schools resume|  
I hadn't heard of Senegal's offer, but more power to both Haiti and Senegal if it is correct.

Peter

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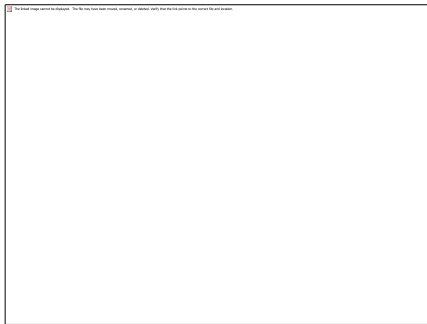
Thank Goodness!!!And a special "Ta-Ta Yah!!! = Thank You!!!" to the President of Senegal that will give Haitiansland in Africa if they want to "RETURN HOME" to Mother Africa. -Sekhmet

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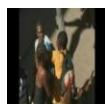
## Haitian medical evacuation flights, schools resume

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*medical flights*



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*APA woman asks for food as US Army soldiers of the 82nd Airborne Division stand guard during the distribution*

*By PAISLEY DODDS, Associated Press Writer Paisley Dodds, Associated Press Writer 1hr2minsago*

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti The U.S. military has resumed urgent medical evacuation flights for Haitian quake victims, an official announced Monday, and life for survivors took a step toward normalcy as many schools reopened for the first time since an earthquake devastated the nation.

U.S. Army Col. Gregory Kane said a medical evacuation flight left Haiti for the United States Sunday night, almost five days after the flights were suspended by squabbling over space and health costs at American public hospitals.

"They have resumed," Kane said. He said he had no details.

The U.S. military had another plane ready to go Monday with a capacity for 15 patients, said the chief medical officer at the University of Miami field hospital in Haiti, Dr. Mike Sheehan.

"We have a list of seven people who would probably die within 48 hours if they don't get out of here," he told The Associated Press.

The White House said it was resuming the military airlift of critically injured earthquake victims after being assured that additional medical capacity exists in U.S. hospitals. The halt of flights on Wednesday worried doctors in Haiti who said hundreds could die without specialized care.

Many public schools reopened Monday for the first time since the Jan. 12 earthquake, but most were still closed even in outlying provinces where damage was minimal. And in the capital, schoolchildren will likely be on the streets for months, government officials warned.

The government said Monday it expected most provincial schools to reopen by Feb. 8 instead of on Monday as anticipated by many families.

Anne Rose Bouget, a primary school teacher in the southwestern city of Les Cayes, said schools reopened there with more students than usual because some 300,000 people, including many schoolchildren, fled Port-au-Prince after the quake.

Also Monday, Haitian officials were trying to determine what to do with 10 U.S. Baptists who were arrested on Friday for trying to take 33 children out of the country without permission from the government.

The church members, most from Idaho, said they were just trying to rescue orphaned victims of the quake, but their action came at a moment of rising concern that quickie adoptions could permanently separate Haitian children from their parents, or expose them to exploitation.

Haiti's communications minister said the government was in talks with U.S. diplomats about sending the Baptists to the U.S. for prosecution because Haiti's court system was crippled by the quake.

Most of Haiti's schools are damaged or destroyed. Many teachers are dead. And the students in starched uniforms and blue hair ribbons who were visions of hope and innocence in Haiti's capital now often live in squalid camps, their dreams and city shattered.

"With everything that has already happened in the past few years the floods, hurricanes, unrest these children cannot afford to lose more time outside school," said Berdadel Perkinson, 40, a teacher giving an impromptu math lesson to a group of children outside the collapsed National Palace.

"The children are in shock and they are traumatized," said Marie-Laurence Jocelin Lassegue, minister of culture and communications. "Some of them have lost their friends, their parents. It's like the end of the world for some of them."

Kent Page, a spokesman for the U.N. children's agency UNICEF, children need to get back to class so they have a sense of normalcy.

"None of us like being out of school," said Ludmia Exiloud, 14, who was walking with a group of her friends at dawn on Monday, when they usually are headed to class. "We miss our studies. There's nothing to do."

But schools reopening them, re-staffing them, restocking them, relocating them are just one of many urgent priorities here. The Ministry of Education its own building destroyed is still assessing damage.

In the long term, UNICEF hopes to boost overall school enrollment. Child welfare groups say just over half of all school-age children in Haiti don't attend school, though even the poorest of Haitian families try to send at least one child to class hoping they will someday earn enough to support extended family.

For some, though, the quake robbed them of any hope.

"They've cut off my leg," said Billie Flon, 9, a quake amputee who stoically explained that he now needs to beg for money in Petionville, a hilly suburb of Port-au-Prince, to help his family because its house was destroyed. He said he can't think about returning to school now.

Another young boy who had his leg amputated after the earthquake begged on an adjacent corner.

In the camps for earthquake victims, some children try in vain to keep up with their studies.

"I'm reading when I can, but the conditions are very bad so sometimes I read cartoons instead of my school books," said Erika Desire, a 13-year-old whose school was destroyed and who lives in a camp with her mother and sisters. "I want to be a medical technician, but now it's going to take me more time."

During her short life, she estimates she's lost about a year's worth of school four months in 2004 when rebels ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, another month in 2005 because of sickness, two months in 2006 because of tropical storms and three months in floods last year.

The earthquake will force her to lose at least two months more.

High school senior Graham Fleuran, meanwhile, said he is eager to take Senegal up on its offer to relocate.

Senegal's president, Abdoulaye Wade, offered free land to Haitians wishing to return to their African origins. Many of the slaves brought to Haiti came from West Africa. Practical details of how the plan would work have yet to be released.

"My mother died in the earthquake and my father is still missing," said Fleuran, who spoke in precise English and carried a backpack of school books his only possessions.

"Leaving Haiti may give me the best opportunity to get back to my studies. I dream of becoming a lawyer."

Associated Press Writer Ben Fox contributed to this report from Port-au-Prince.

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| 31739|2010-02-02 08:26:31|Peter Gray|Re: Haiti's Agony, How to Rebuild?|

The big Port Royal [home base of the pirate, Henry Morgan] earthquake in Kingston Jamaica literally sank a piece of the Palisadoes peninsula. There is ongoing underwater archaeology in these marine waters, and they have already found a rumshop (bar) with bottles of liquor still on the shelf.

Peter

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Folks, I think I didn't mess up the links too bad so anyone interested can go to TIME and read the archives about part of Jamaica being swallowed by the sea after an earthquake. The experts/seismologists said the Haiti quake was unusually powerful, however some people don't think a 7.3 is a "big deal".....go figure. -Sekhmet

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# Haiti's Agony: What It Will Take to Rebuild

By MICHAEL ELLIOTT Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010



A woman stands atop what may have been a grocery store. Haiti now faces food and water shortages

Thony Belizaire / AFP / Getty Images

Tragedy has a way of visiting those who can bear it least. Haiti is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere, a place where malnutrition is widespread and less than half the population has access to clean drinking water. At 4:53:09 p.m. on Jan. 12, at a point 15 miles southwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince, the Caribbean tectonic plate pushed against the neighboring North American plate along a line known as the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden Fault system. On the earth's surface, the enormous energy created by that tremor an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale tossed the car that Bob Poff, the Salvation Army's director of disaster services in Haiti, was driving down the hill from the suburb of Pétionville to Port-au-Prince "to and fro like a toy." When the shaking stopped, Poff wrote on a Salvation Army blog, "I looked out of the windows to see buildings 'pancaking' down ... Thousands of people poured into the streets, crying, carrying bloody bodies, looking for anyone who could help them."

Within the next few hours, the scale of the worst earthquake to hit Haiti in more than 200 years became apparent. Just as cell-phone video cameras brought the horrors of the Indian Ocean tsunami to the world in real time five years ago, so Twitter feeds and blog posts did the same for the Haiti earthquake, reporting on what had happened, asking if anyone had heard from loved ones, calling for medical supplies and Creole speakers. Louise Ivers, clinical director for Haiti for the NGO Partners in Health, wrote, "Port-au-Prince is devastated, lot of deaths. SOS. SOS ... Please help us." Ian Rodgers of Save the Children posted, "We could hear buildings still crumbling down five hours after the earthquake." ([See pictures of the Haiti quake's aftermath.](#))

A day later, the death toll was unknown and as is always the case with earthquakes, which bury their victims unknowable. But more than one Haitian official told news organizations that they thought the final count of the dead would be more than 100,000. The next day, Vincenzo Pugliese, a spokesman for the U.N. mission in Haiti, summed up what was known thus far. The earthquake, he said, had caused major damage, destroying the National Palace, the main cathedral and many government offices. Hotels, hospitals, schools and the capital's main prison

had all been wrecked. "Casualties, which are vast," Pugliese said, "can only be estimated. Tens if not hundreds of thousands have suffered varying degrees of destruction to their homes." A nation that was already on its knees had been knocked to the ground.

### **Making a Tough Place Worse**

The quake was not unexpected but then, the tragedy of earthquakes is that none of them are. The world's fault lines, those dangerous boundaries between the slabs that make up the earth's crust, are well mapped. Haiti, a nation of 9 million people, sits atop the junction of the Caribbean and North American plates, which "are shearing the island, crushing it, grinding it," says Michael Blanpied, an associate coordinator for the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) earthquake-hazards program. "And as that occurs, earthquakes pop off." ([See where the next five big earthquakes will be.](#))

That they do. Historians reckon that there have been about a dozen massive earthquakes in the Caribbean over the past 500 years. The damage they can do is well understood; in 1692, a quake caused Port Royal, Jamaica, to disappear under the Caribbean Sea, where it lies to this day. But knowing that a quake will happen one day is of little use to those who want to know if it will happen tomorrow or next week or next year. An intense, high-tech exercise in the 1980s by the USGS and the state of California to study a particularly unstable stretch of the San Andreas Fault provided absolutely no telltale signs of a quake that hit in 2004. "Earthquake prediction," says Blanpied, "if it can be done at all, is very difficult."

The Haiti earthquake was not just unusually powerful for the region; it was also shallow a fact that, combined with the soft ground and corrugated, muddy hills around Port-au-Prince, made its impact even worse. In the city itself, sturdy buildings like the cathedral and the National Palace could not withstand the tremor, which meant that many hastily constructed concrete structures collapsed like houses of cards, killing many the Archbishop of Port-au-Prince, for one. ([Read "Seismologist Roger Musson: Haiti Quake Was the 'Big One.'"](#))

Many of the city's finest buildings helped give Haitians their sense of identity and history now the country must not only figure out how to recover but also try to rebuild its sense of self. Just as what happened on Jan. 12 was shaped by Haiti's unique topography and geology, so the final toll, too, will be determined by the nation's very special conditions. Haiti is an unlucky, star-crossed country. Once a slave colony of France, the world's first free black modern nation was born in blood more than 200 years ago, in a long and bitter war of independence. In the years since then, Haiti has suffered almost constantly from local misrule, foreign intervention and economic exploitation. Haiti was occupied by U.S. forces from 1915 to '34, and then from 1957 to '86 it was ruled by François Duvalier and his son Jean-Claude Papa Doc and Baby Doc whose corruption and repression crippled the nation and led to wide-scale emigration among its educated classes.

In 1994 the U.S. intervened to force out a military regime that had ousted the government of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a charismatic priest who had been elected President in 1990. After a decade of political disorder, Aristide, by then in his second term as President, was forced into exile in 2004; since then, Minustah, a U.N. peacekeeping mission, has been in place the latest in a long series of outside forces that have attempted to help Haitians establish peace and a measure of security.

What makes the earthquake especially "cruel and incomprehensible," as U.S. President Barack Obama put it, was that it struck at a rare moment of optimism. After decades of natural and political catastrophes, the U.N. peacekeeping force and an international investment campaign headed by former President Bill Clinton, the U.N.'s special envoy to Haiti, had recently begun to

calm and rebuild the nation. But the mood of cautious optimism had not yet begun to improve the basic living conditions of ordinary Haitians. For even on its best day, Haiti is a public-health disaster. No Haitian city has a public sewage system; nearly 200,000 people live with HIV or AIDS, and just half of Haitian children are vaccinated against basic diseases like diphtheria and measles.

The quake will make things unimaginably worse. While emergency-response teams have already begun combing through the wreckage, searching for injured who might still be saved, there are ominous longer-term health risks that threaten the island. "In the weeks to come, we may have huge issues with public health," says Pino Annunziata, who is coordinating the emergency response for the World Health Organization in Geneva. Less than a day after the disaster, U.S. Navy and Coast Guard vessels were swarming toward Haiti, ready to spearhead disaster-relief efforts. Up to 2,000 Marines were told to be ready to head there. They will all be needed. In the first confused day after the quake, reports stressed the absence of heavy machinery to shift rubble and shore up buildings; people were scrabbling with their bare hands in the rubble for their loved ones. The U.S. military will aim to make sure airports and seaports are primed to receive the flood of aid that will soon flow in.

As always in the developing world, the first priority will be clean water. With drinking-water distribution systems destroyed and survivors crammed into camps without sanitation water supplies could quickly become contaminated. That could lead to rapidly spreading waterborne diseases like cholera and dysentery that can sweep through refugee camps.

With adequate aid, however, the worst might be averted. The world now rarely sees major outbreaks of infectious disease in the wake of disasters. Even in the case of the 2004 tsunami, which killed more than 200,000 people, a rapid and thorough response headed off what could have been a huge postdisaster death toll. Indeed, the sheer amount of international attention on Haiti might ultimately improve its public-health system as occurred in the Indonesian province of Aceh after the tsunami.

All who wish Haiti well will hope for such a benign dispensation. Many will do more than hope. In a Twitter feed, Troy Livesay, one of the many missionaries who first brought word from Port-au-Prince, described the mood the night after the quake. "Church groups are singing ... in prayer," he wrote. "It is a beautiful sound in the middle of a horrible tragedy."

You don't have to be a believer to hope that the prayers of those Haitians who have long borne sorrows not of their making are answered.

*With reporting by Massimo Calabresi, Michael Scherer and Mark Thompson / Washington; Gilbert Cruz, Jeffrey Kluger, Kate Pickert and Bryan Walsh / New York; and Tim Padgett / Miami*

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| 31740|2010-02-02 08:33:41|Peter Gray|Re: Haitians. People Like Anybody Else!|

It shouldn't be a surprise, though. that the US is putting "security" first and the alleviation of suffering second. This is a golden opportunity to "secure" Haiti(in the eyes of some).

Peter

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Man, oh man ((shaking my head)).....maybe THAT is what he meant by "christian charity" to non-Europeans then he spit on the ground. While I am still grateful for the global response to the victims in Haiti, some individuals/ groups always tend to undermine the best efforts and PLAY-INTO the global community and their ANTI-American attitude, putting sincere volunteers, like myself and others, in serious jeopardy simply because we are Americans too!.

Well, guess I'd better put on my "personal insult shield" and reinforce it....again. The exact same happy crappy happened after Obama was elected POTUS, and the whole world had a change of mind about the USA electing a black man, until..... . -Sekhmet

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**| We are Haitians. We are Like**

# People Like Anybody Else

by Lenore Daniels

*"The past is never dead-it's not even past."*

-- William Faulkner

From the ground, people hear the sound of helicopters above.

Twenty Black Hawk helicopters circling the airport!

Water! Food! Medical supplies!

The people wait as the helicopters of the 82nd Airborne division land and hundreds of U.S. paratroopers become visible. But the paratroopers are in combat gear and armed with automatic machine guns.

There they're at the General Hospital and the Palace.

Water! Food! Medical supplies!

SECURITY!

No food or water or medical supplies until Haiti is SECURE! The U.S. announces that over 2,000 paratroopers will be followed by 8,000 more heavily armed U.S. Marines. Almost two weeks since the earthquake hit Haiti, whole communities have yet to receive water, food, or medical attention. But the whole world watched the U.S. show of power:

Watch and listen Cuba, Venezuela, and Bolivia-Haiti belongs to the U.S.!

This is Haiti several days after the January 12, 2010 earthquake hit Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas. Over 2 million Haitians are starving. Hundreds are dying from lack of medical attention. It's estimated that over 200, 000 Haitians died as a direct result of the 7.3 earthquake.

But the U.S. thinks as an Empire thinks! It thinks militarization, invasion, occupation, corporatization, privatization- more resources and an expanded labor base. It thinks: HAITI NEEDS TO BE SECURE. Is it really a surprise that the U.S. command at the airport in Haiti 3 times turned away 5 Medecins San Frontieres (MSF) planes carrying 12 tons of much needed medical supplies? Can we expect anything else from such an entity? Haiti needs to be saved from U.S. militarized security!

But Peace Man announces his priority: to search and to rescue US Embassy personnel! The people of Haiti can wait and wait and wait. But do keep this in mind Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia-and, oh, yes, you Haitians-the U.S. will be there for you! "We will be resolute in our response, and I pledge to the people of Haiti that you will have a friend and partner in the United States of America today and going forward."

"Going forward" only means that Amerikkka has its target set on

the poor and working class of Haiti.

On January 12, 2010, shortly after sundown, news reached the world that the epicenter of an earthquake hit Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas. And the world watched as the Haitian people called for immediate response to its plea for assistance to rescue those trapped under the rubble of concrete. Days later, gun-toting paratroopers land with more epaulettes of American flags than rescue equipment or water and food.

Then another announcement from the U.S. Cameras please! Out walk three virtuous warriors posing before the television cameras and photographers while speaking of peace and the humanitarian greatness that is Amerikkka! Smile! Peace Man, Bush Jr. and Bill Clinton shake hands.

The economic plan for Haiti isn't about empowering the Haitians and leaving the country to its popular democratic party Lavalas. Before the earthquake, the Lavalas leadership had been imprisoned or in hiding. The economic plan came with an AGENDA.

According to independent journalist Kevin Pina, "a wholesale campaign of violence [was] waged against Lavalas... [yet it was]...largely maintained through the silence of human rights organizations and the international press."

The economic plan isn't about rights for workers, higher wages for workers, and the nationalization rather than privatization of Haiti's industries. Aristide tried to do this work for the majority of Haitians and look how the U.S. responded! He was an evil monster and Levalas was a lawless mob of militants-albeit representing the Haitian majority!

The economic plan calls for Haitians to submit to the U.S.'s political and economic agenda to see Haiti one big sweatshop operation, too weary to organize through Lavalas to demand a return of Aristide and Haitian sovereignty. As Ezili Danto writes in his article, "Haiti, Genocide and the New Slavery Model," for Pacific Free Press. Com, 70 percent of Haiti's working class earn 22 cents (70 gourdes) an hour, and they are "forced to pay the Haitian Oligarchs for food to eat at high U.S. import prices, starvation is a given. It's economic slavery. The slavery in Haiti the media won't expose."

But they will show the world looting when people are trying to eat something after almost two weeks of starving!

The dead of this earthquake didn't die in vain.

Look, they said.

And there's a camera to see and show the world how the U.S. security and economic plan comes together to humiliate the Haitian people.

Follow the trail of the dead...

Amidst the "overwhelming" smell of the dead, independent

journalist Amy Goodman of Democracy Now! and her camera person catches a view of a helicopter that had landed but proceeded to take off again. Goodman and her crew stopped in Leogane to speak to a group of citizens and the mayor when the helicopter begins to drop one package of bread at a time over the area.

"Instead of delivering food when it was on the ground," she said, "where hundreds of people had gathered, it lifted off, circled overhead, and dropped bags of bread on the hungry people below." The people are rightly furious. One Leogane man steps in front of the camera:

"The other countries in the same situation as us, when there's an aid that comes, they don't do that. They don't humiliate people like that. We are Haitians. We are like people like anybody else. Even though we're in a bad situation now, those countries are supposed to have another way to treat us.

"The helicopter came down to the ground, landed, and they should have given to the responsible on the ground to distribute to the rest of the people here, and not when they go back up in the air, throw the bread out like they were throwing bones to dogs." (translated) .

Another man approaches the camera:

"We are very frustrated with the way they drop these little breads, throw them down to the population, like it's bones they're throwing to dogs."

Goodman asks about the helicopter. Who owns it? "Who was it in those helicopters?"

Mayor Santos Alexis answers: "It's a private plane from New Mission. New Mission is an institution of United States. You know, it's a church."

A church! A U.S. church! New Mission-so much like the old, grand Amerikkkan humanitarian missions to save the uncivilized, the dead say.

Something happened a long time ago in this New World.

Europeans escaping the corruption and devastation of their home lands crossed the Atlantic bringing with them an abhorrence of racial difference. In the wilderness, they swore an allegiance to the survival of the Aryan race. This they called-progress.

But the Haitians never learned to fear the U.S. and Western world's characterization of them as intolerable anomalies.

Boukman rising!

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| 31741|2010-02-02 08:38:43|Peter Gray|Re: Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life|

Sekhmet and other interested forum members,

I did in fact get a reply eventually from *Trees for Life Haiti*, advising that the best way to get financial help to them was through Elizi Danto, at [elizidanto@yahoo.com](mailto:elizidanto@yahoo.com). HOpe this helps.

Peter

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"...strong to subdue and cull the weak..."

Yeah Peter, but in a natural disaster such as this....the balance is usually tipped in favor of the strong who begin to become "animalistic" rather than more "humane" is what I am starting to see.

On other founs, there is even talk of having the U.S. military "invade" Haiti....."for their own good" and make them a "territory", the one thing Haitians fear the most....becoming "slaves" yet again of a Western/European controlledgovernment.

I strongly advised against it, "invading Haiti" since it didn't work too well in the past....but, I am just a female so I doubt if my suggestion will be heeded.

BTW, a charitable organization has to be documented and recognized by the government before one can access their site or even send them money, especially online in this day of "cyber- theft". The person at "Trees for Life" said her organization had not been documented before the quake, so I am not surprised you couldn't access her site.

During the "Katrina debacle", **around 4000 websites popped up for donations**, and those people are still homeless for the most part....so be careful about donating to "new" organizationsfolks, although my initial donation was to Yele.

I am still waiting to hear from Tafari about forwarding this original tale/article to a Haitian quake survivor; I concede that she would know BEST what areas need help the most.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Sun, 1/31/10**, **Peter Gray** wrote:

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From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti  
To: "Marc Washington"  
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Wiselady,

As horrific as it seems, we have to put the situation in the context of historical Machiavellianism -- the rule of the predator. Sadly, it has always been the case in the food chain (both in nature and in human relations) for the strong to subdue and cull the weak. So it should not be too surprising that this is still the agenda of the strong. It's never been otherwise.

And I'm not being crude, just realistic.

Peter

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I am hurting sooo much right now and do not know what to say, think or do the tragedy of who look like me being disregarded so that some force can take over in the future is disgusting. We know that those who are there are not there to help our ppl only to watch until the time comes to make their move on an already devastated and burdened populace.

Love and light,  
ladeeowl

--- On **Fri, 1/29/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

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I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are the only people who will use our



truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. He body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law' s body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personal on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

She also told me that she passed the parks in Petionville today and they were finally trying to distribute food but the crowds were unmanageable. A friend who lives in Petionville said the organization giving out food is a private one and not part of the International team for assistance. He said they have been giving food to the people camping in the part for a few days but there is no organized system and fighting for food is happening now.

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Today is the 13th day after the quake and we still felt two slight tremors. Some people I know with no damage to their homes are returning. Some friends came up to visit today and have no home any longer. We talked about how this is a great tragedy but the system must and will change because we are now witnessing the total inept way the government is not giving the help to the people.

I live in a house in Vivy Michel with my friend Neil and his family. He came to see us today on the mountain and he is the first person I have talked to who was downtown and at the General Hospital the night of the earthquake. His wife's aunt was leg injured and in downtown and was taken to GH by family. So he had to spend the night outside the hospital waiting for her to get treated. What he then told me was very gruesome but I feel like people have to know how the Haitian government Hospital doctors treated these disaster victims. My friend told me he saw so many people coming to the hospital and these are the very poor and also in the area of the greatest devastation so I will say the doctors were totally unprepared and overwhelmed. Most of the victims had severe limb damage or had lost an arm, leg or hand and were carrying their severed limbs in some hope they could be re attached. But the most horrific scene he describes is that the doctors started amputating damaged and gangrene limbs of these people every 15

minutes or so with NO anesthesia and then gave the patients a prescription and sends them away with family or friends if they have any with them. The ones that don't are laid in the corridors or even outside the hospital on the ground to recover. The scene is so surreal that he describes to me and I just cover my mouth and can't speak.

I just cannot imagine that this is a government that the UN insists should be in charge and given support to take care of its citizens when it has been so inept for so many years. It was this government that allowed the poor people to build unsafe structures on mountainsides surrounding the city.

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Today is the 14th day after the quake and I finally could reach a few friends when the circuits are not busy. I will probably have to go visit one of the nicer people living in the big houses here who has kindly said I could use his internet.

I received another transfer today from my daughter. She was able to raise \$130 from her co workers and today we needed to replenish our food. I am so thankful for anyone who sends help. However, the dollar exchange is dropping everyday and we are paying higher prices for everything. We are still able to give food to 20 people today.

We still do not see anyone on the mountain except the teams coming to install new communication systems for the recovery effort. I met two very nice men from the U.S . sent by FEMA and who are part of this team. I ask them is there was any help they saw reaching anyone in the city and they said no. They told me the UN, the US, England and France are fighting with the Haitian government for control of distribution. One man also was in Indonesia and Katrina and said he saw the same slow response after these disasters. You would think at least we would see Red Cross teams or medical teams, or tents and ways to have some shelter and food. He said only a few private groups and local churches are giving food but the crowds are huge and hungry. He recommended I did not leave the mountain or go past Petionville even to ask for help. Then he offered me two army ration meals which we tried but only ate the deserts. Sorry I sound ungrateful but I am not in the military nor am I any where near being hungry enough to eat the salty mushy, plastic, beef stew ,yet. It was a nice gesture though even though he did make sure to ask the members of the team if they were going to eat their rations before he offered.

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It is now two weeks past the event that has shaken this country and I hope it has shaken the world to witness how a country so close the Washington D.C. and with so many relatives of Americans living here can be made to suffer because the "powers" that control the goods and money sent cannot agree on how it should be done.

Oh yeah, we heard from a friend of ours whose brother was eligible to return to the states on the plan offered to any Haitian with citizenship in the States who can receive one family member from Haiti. Our friend's brother wants to come back because his family in the states does not cook Haitian food and he doesn't like the American food. Imagine that

God Bless us.

\*" Haitians, as a people, struggle to transform this below, knowing no matter the misery, loss and suffering in time, that out of time, Nan Ginen, our safety lies - lives- wholly unformed by any storylines, (even our own), since before this 'New World's' time began." (Excerpt from Bwa Kayiman, 2007 and the case of Lovinsky Pierre Antoine.) In addition, power concedes nothing, unless it has to, and the Haitian

experience with the "Mulatto" Oligarchs also reveals that the Mulatto's definition of liberty and freedom differs from that of the African-Haitian masses. Ultimately, social stratification, oppressive laws, injustice, profit-over- people rulers, organized exclusion of the masses, the impunity of the economic elite, structural elitism, the monstrosities of US/Euro ethno-centricism, (racism, Nazism, financial colonialism, neo-colonialism, ethnic cleansing, forced assimilation) and deliberate containment- in-poverty won't be eradicated unless profit-over- people VALUES are changed."

Quote: Ezili Dant ☐>

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Today is the 15th day after the quake and still no relief sent to where we are. I know I will receive some funds today from Trees for Life and we will keep feeding people and doing what we can.

I received a phone call today from a missionary in O'kay in the south and she told me someone from her church was trying to contact me. She told me that they are getting help from other missions and that planes were landing there with relief. She said the number of "refugees" meaning those Haitians that were from there are returning to their families but the number is so great and their families don't have anything either.

I heard the plan announced on the radio, and this is a government response, that there are specific stations that will bus people back to their home province with 500gds(\$15.00) and some food. That amount of money will buy food for 4 people for one or two days. There are now some clinics and temporary medical facilities to treat people. And the Red Cross is mentioned, too. It appears the government is trying to get as many people to leave the city.

We have not heard that that the tons of goods that have been flown into the International airport are being distributed yet. Mostly local organizations are giving some help but the international teams are not presently organized or giving help as of today. The government response is slow and incredibly ineffective. There is still a good supply of goods and food in the markets in our area but people have no money to purchase.

I have friends who are giving help on their own anyway they can. One college student I know is organizing a way to get clothes to some of the people living in the parks in Petionville. So many Haitians I know are helping everywhere with frustration because of such a lack of organized ways of delivery of relief. People are calling me to find out how they can volunteer or get some kind of jobs with the relief teams but there is no central location for these teams, yet or any information given on the radio.

We have heard that an area called Leogone is 90% destroyed and no help there yet.

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We are very lucky to have a big cistern for our use for water to wash etc, but no free drinking water or food has arrived on Boutillier as of today

My brother just called me and said that Trees for Life has just wired a substantial donation to our account and we will be able to help many others now Thank you God and thank you to the generous donor.

We just spoke to the local authority for the area damaged on Boutillier and he gave a list of families we will be helping.

Today is the 16th day after the earthquake and we are listening to the radio of people being interviewed by local journalists still crying for food and water. The slums are reporting that they have received food

from some local agencies but now they have no water. Jacmel people are demonstrating today because they have received no help, yet. Jacmel is about 3 hours drive from PAP. If the roads are not passable, we see many helicopters that could drop supplies but we have heard that the UN has blocked the Americans from doing this. Fritz's nephew told me he went downtown yesterday and did not see so many people as many have been evacuated but he said the smell was so bad he could not be there long.

My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand. My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and iridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning..basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no".God Bless us.

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Today is the 16th day since the earthquake and I have a list of all the people living in the different zones on Boutiller mountain. I know a man living in the big houses who has a business and came to tell me I could go with him tomorrow to the UN compound next to the airport and request assistance for food, water and tents in the name of Trees for Life Haiti. Since we have an organization we were told this is the only way that help is reaching people so we will go thru the disaster zones and get some help up here. I have dispersed a few funds to some very needy and homeless people so far but the need is so great that we must get some aid relief up here. Since I have the official paperwork for the projects we were to implement before the quake it should make it easier to get what we need up here. I already had my laptop and all the papers from the UN with me, along with my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.

I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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| 31742|2010-02-02 09:19:57|Peter Gray|Re: Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life|

Wiselady,

You are right -- it is all about revenge for Haiti's audacity in shredding the mightiest European powers of the 18th. century in attaining its independence. And I certainly do NOT approve of such measures as requiring Haiti to pay reparations to France, or to anyone for that matter.

Peter

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From: wiseladyowl@yahoo.com

Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2010 15:13:36 -0800

Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: From:Haiti earthquake survivor and witness of Trees for Life Haiti

yes I studied him in school which is why I made the statement,"

Machiavelli was not about being a predator but rather maintaining power and you do not need to oppress the entire populace to do so," and I am not under the impression that you approve of such measures because you did not state that in this forum. I do not make rash judgements about the opinion of others so please do not take my statements as such but rather consider the content of my post. This is not about power but revenge as we (blacks) are not suppose to be able to govern ourselves and most assuredly we should never be successful in opposing the european invader who deems it their PLACE to subjugate all ppl's of color.

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To: "Marc Washington"

Date: Monday, February 1, 2010, 3:54 PM

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I cannot see the future today, I cannot feel any certainty that more lives will be saved and survivors will have homes and means to continue living but I do see a real opportunity to transform this country. I only hope that this catastrophe has finally broken and exposed a system that has held millions in poverty for a century.

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Today is Saturday the 12th day after the quake and I stood in a Western Union line for 4 hours to receive the money my daughter sent so we can get more food and gas. We are the only people who will use our truck to give rides and buy food in the markets.

Yesterday someone brought (not an agency) several dozen eggs and today a few bags of rice to the mountain where I am, but not enough for all the people who need food.

We expect more money transfers from friends and family to give more help next week. And because of this we will be OK for however long the funds are there. I only hope more assistance will reach this area. My feeling today is that we will have to go to the UN outposts or the Embassy soon and ask for tents and food. I do not think anyone will come here.

I got a phone call at 5:00 AM from a friend who told me a friend of ours died in a collapsed house in Delmas. Her family in the states does not know yet as of this morning because of the busy telephone networks it is hard to get thru. He body was bulldozed and put in a mass grave or burned somewhere.

I have been told by friends who have been witnessing the bulldozing of bodies and the dumping in mass graves or being taken outside the city and burned. These actions are all carried out by government directives, which so far is the only real response visible to us. It seems that this is all they seem capable of doing for their population. Bulldozing and digging mass graves. Maybe I am being too cynical, but my I finally broke down and cried for all those still suffering so needlessly. There is help here and not only have Haitians died and been displaced, but people from all over the world have been living here for several years have died and been injured. The delay in response sort of seems like a kind of torture when you hear on the news that so much is here but being controlled.

I spoke to my very good friend Jane Wynne tonight. Her Mother-in-law died today in a nursing home and the nuns have no way to take care of the body nor are there any morgues to receive the body so Jane had to go in her small jeep and carry her mother-in-law's body to Kenscoff mountain where she will bury

her on her land in the mountains tomorrow. Jane also told me there is no sign of help with food or shelter where she is, so like me she will do what she can to ask for food and help. Our problem is we have no idea where to go for help, yet. I have seen UN personnel on Boutillier fixing communication towers and they could not tell me anywhere to go.

She also told me that she passed the parks in Petionville today and they were finally trying to distribute food but the crowds were unmanageable. A friend who lives in Petionville said the organization giving out food is a private one and not part of the International team for assistance. He said they have been giving food to the people camping in the park for a few days but there is no organized system and fighting for food is happening now.

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I live in a house in Vivy Michel with my friend Neil and his family. He came to see us today on the mountain and he is the first person I have talked to who was downtown and at the General Hospital the night of the earthquake. His wife's aunt was leg injured and in downtown and was taken to GH by family. So he had to spend the night outside the hospital waiting for her to get treated. What he then told me was very gruesome but I feel like people have to know how the Haitian government Hospital doctors treated these disaster victims. My friend told me he saw so many people coming to the hospital and these are the very poor and also in the area of the greatest devastation so I will say the doctors were totally unprepared and overwhelmed. Most of the victims had severe limb damage or had lost an arm, leg or hand and were carrying their severed limbs in some hope they could be re attached. But the most horrific scene he describes is that the doctors started amputating damaged and gangrene limbs of these people every 15 minutes or so with NO anesthesia and then gave the patients a prescription and sends them away with family or friends if they have any with them. The ones that don't are laid in the corridors or even outside the hospital on the ground to recover. The scene is so surreal that he describes to me and I just cover my mouth and can't speak.

I just cannot imagine that this is a government that the UN insists should be in charge and given support to take care of its citizens when it has been so inept for so many years. It was this government that allowed the poor people to build unsafe structures on mountainsides surrounding the city.

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Today is the 14th day after the quake and I finally could reach a few friends when the circuits are not busy. I will probably have to go visit one of the nicer people living in the big houses here who has kindly said I could use his internet.

I received another transfer today from my daughter. She was able to raise \$130 from her co workers and today we needed to replenish our food. I am so thankful for anyone who sends help. However, the dollar exchange is dropping everyday and we are paying higher prices for everything. We are still able to give food to 20 people today.

We still do not see anyone on the mountain except the teams coming to install new communication systems for the recovery effort. I met two very nice men from the U.S. sent by FEMA and who are part of this team. I ask them if there was any help they saw reaching anyone in the city and they said no. They

told me the UN, the US, England and France are fighting with the Haitian government for control of distribution. One man also was in Indonesia and Katrina and said he saw the same slow response after these disasters. You would think at least we would see Red Cross teams or medical teams, or tents and ways to have some shelter and food. He said only a few private groups and local churches are giving food but the crowds are huge and hungry. He recommended I did not leave the mountain or go past Petionville even to ask for help. Then he offered me two army ration meals which we tried but only ate the deserts. Sorry I sound ungrateful but I am not in the military nor am I any where near being hungry enough to eat the salty mushy, plastic, beef stew ,yet. It was a nice gesture though even though he did make sure to ask the members of the team if they were going to eat their rations before he offered.

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It is now two weeks past the event that has shaken this country and I hope it has shaken the world to witness how a country so close the Washington D.C. and with so many relatives of Americans living here can be made to suffer because the "powers" that control the goods and money sent cannot agree on how it should be done.

Oh yeah, we heard from a friend of ours whose brother was eligible to return to the states on the plan offered to any Haitian with citizenship in the States who can receive one family member from Haiti. Our friend's brother wants to come back because his family in the states does not cook Haitian food and he doesn't like the American food. Imagine that

God Bless us.

\*" Haitians, as a people, struggle to transform this below, knowing no matter the misery, loss and suffering in time, that out of time, Nan Ginen, our safety lies - lives- wholly unformed by any storylines, (even our own), since before this 'New World's' time began." (Excerpt from Bwa Kayiman, 2007 and the case of Lovinsky Pierre Antoine.) In addition, power concedes nothing, unless it has to, and the Haitian experience with the "Mulatto" Oligarchs also reveals that the Mulatto's definition of liberty and freedom differs from that of the African-Haitian masses. Ultimately, social stratification, oppressive laws, injustice, profit-over- people rulers, organized exclusion of the masses, the impunity of the economic elite, structural elitism, the monstrosities of US/Euro ethno-centricism, (racism, Nazism, financial colonialism, neo-colonialism, ethnic cleansing, forced assimilation) and deliberate containment- in-poverty won't be eradicated unless profit-over- people VALUES are changed."

Quote: Ezili Dant☐>

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Today is the 15th day after the quake and still no relief sent to where we are. I know I will receive some funds today from Trees for Life and we will keep feeding people and doing what we can.

I received a phone call today from a missionary in O'kay in the south and she told me someone from her church was trying to contact me. She told me that they are getting help from other missions and that planes were landing there with relief. She said the number of "refugees" meaning those Haitians that were from there are returning to their families but the number is so great and their families don't have anything either.

I heard the plan announced on the radio, and this is a government response, that there are specific stations that will bus people back to their home province with 500gds(\$15.00) and some food. That amount of money will buy food for 4 people for one or two days. There are now some clinics and temporary medical facilities to treat people. And the Red Cross is mentioned, too. It appears the government is trying to get as many people to leave the city.

We have not heard that that the tons of goods that have been flown into the International airport are being

distributed yet. Mostly local organizations are giving some help but the international teams are not presently organized or giving help as of today. The government response is slow and incredibly ineffective. There is still a good supply of goods and food in the markets in our area but people have no money to purchase.

I have friends who are giving help on their own anyway they can. One college student I know is organizing a way to get clothes to some of the people living in the parks in Petionville. So many Haitians I know are helping everywhere with frustration because of such a lack of organized ways of delivery of relief. People are calling me to find out how they can volunteer or get some kind of jobs with the relief teams but there is no central location for these teams, yet or any information given on the radio.

We have heard that an area called Leogone is 90% destroyed and no help there yet.

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We are very lucky to have a big cistern for our use for water to wash etc, but no free drinking water or food has arrived on Boutillier as of today

My brother just called me and said that Trees for Life has just wired a substantial donation to our account and we will be able to help many others now Thank you God and thank you to the generous donor.

We just spoke to the local authority for the area damaged on Boutillier and he gave a list of families we will be helping.

Today is the 16th day after the earthquake and we are listening to the radio of people being interviewed by local journalists still crying for food and water. The slums are reporting that they have received food from some local agencies but now they have no water. Jacmel people are demonstrating today because they have received no help, yet. Jacmel is about 3 hours drive from PAP. If the roads are not passable, we see many helicopters that could drop supplies but we have heard that the UN has blocked the Americans from doing this. Fritz's nephew told me he went downtown yesterday and did not see so many people as many have been evacuated but he said the smell was so bad he could not be there long.

My friend Rosmond called this morning to tell us her 15 year old son died in the quake while in his school on Delmas and she was in so much pain from her loss. So many people, so many people have lost so much and I can feel the pain and anguish of those whose pain is intensified by the lack of basic human needs such as food, water, and shelter. And we all know how many cargo planes have landed since the quake and how it is mostly all still held in the airport and UN compound. I truly do not understand. My only guess is that the Haitian government believes that there are countries such as the U.S., France, Canada are trying to install themselves here to continue to illegally remove the resources here. Anyone can Google "resources of Haiti" and learn about the two Canadian oil companies here that have already drilled for oil by the border and how much uranium and iridium to make bombs has been removed by the U.S. All this documented by Haitian Lawyers Leaders Network.

I am sure there is very little news coverage now on CNN, etc. I have not seen TV for weeks but I imagine the story of Haiti's disaster is now old news. But believe me the real story of Haiti's recovery is just beginning..basketball in the street and ask them if they had eaten today. All shook their heads "no". God Bless us.

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Today is the 16th day since the earthquake and I have a list of all the people living in the different zones on Boutillier mountain. I know a man living in the big houses who has a business and came to tell me I could go with him tomorrow to the UN compound next to the airport and request assistance for food,

water and tents in the name of Trees for Life Haiti. Since we have an organization we were told this is the only way that help is reaching people so we will go thru the disaster zones and get some help up here. I have dispersed a few funds to some very needy and homeless people so far but the need is so great that we must get some aid relief up here. Since I have the official paperwork for the projects we were to implement before the quake it should make it easier to get what we need up here. I already had my laptop and all the papers from the UN with me, along with my bank books and passport. If I had left them at my house I would not be able to get them.

I met a British journalist today visiting the mountain and she told me the same thing, that there were vast amounts of goods to be given and this is how we must do it now. I am very grateful that I was here or I do not know how the people would get help. She also told me that there were doctors here that have served in Iraq and Afghanistan and this is the worst scene they have encountered. She said that at the hospitals that are operating now, the foreign doctors are performing 100 amputations a day at each hospital. Those who had to wait so long for treatment have no choice but to lose their injured limbs.

I will have access to internet later today so will be checking all the messages and good wishes from friends and family. The phones seem to be working better today and I can reach some people that I have not talked to since the quake.

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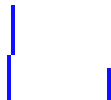
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| 31746|2010-02-03 09:31:18|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Fwd: Need A National Campaign / no Fema Trailer in Haiti|

Interesting; wonder where I heard that before? ROTFL!!!  
Anyhoo, that is a good idea....no FEMA trailers to Haiti.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Sun, 1/31/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fwd: Community Organizers - Need A National Campaign / no  
Fema Trailer in Haiti  
To: maatcollective@yahogroups.com  
Date: Sunday, January 31, 2010, 8:29 PM

--- On **Sun, 1/31/10, FORKSYROADS@ aol.com** [FORKSYROADS@ aol.com](mailto:FORKSYROADS@aol.com) wrote:

From: FORKSYROADS@ aol.com [FORKSYROADS@ aol.com](mailto:FORKSYROADS@aol.com)

Subj: Community Organizers - Need A National Campaign

FORWARD THIS TO YOUR MAILING AND START THE CAMPAIGN NOW.  
We need to make sure **formaldehyde** Katrina trailers are NOT sent to HAITI.  
Write / E-mail Your Congress persons and FEMA that this is not acceptable.  
If the trailers are deadly in the US they will also be deadly in HAITI.  
OUR TRASH IS NOT HAITI'S TREASURE

| 31747|2010-02-03 09:31:32|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haitians. People Like Anybody Else!|  
"...(no)...surprise,....putting security first...."

Peter, it is not a surprise to me as I am a military brat, and know the training (and sacrifices) military staff make in peacetime. So I will keep repeating it for the "Haiti Haters" and ANTI-American/ANTI-Western wingnuts that blame any and everything on the "evil West" while turning a blind eye to the B S their own people and leaders pull....

**The MILITARY of any government is better trained, has more of the right equipment and staff to INITIALLY address any natural disaster and even some "man made disasters".**

Of course it takes time to move all of the equipment and staff into position, but the biggest problem was the RUMOR MONGERS DEBATING whether or not the military was "invading" for the future take-over of Haiti by the usual talking heads. Then it was, Obama waited three days....TOTAL LIE....because the masses had NO WAY to get ANY NEWS AT ALL....local or foreign, but some church had a private chopper that flew in and dropped food/water creating the fighting on the ground for a "photo-op" of how "uncivilized" Haitians are anyway.

Don't mention the capitol building, hospitals, churches, clinics, prison and police stations WITH PEOPLE IN THEM also collapsed, just show the pics of them "out of control" by design by the (?) good christians in the chopper (used a small "c" out of respect for the REAL Christians who were just as embarrassed by that idjut stunt.!!!)

Also, the media is a NECESSARY EVIL in any country, but sometimes.....

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 2/2/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitians. People Like Anybody Else!  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 10:33 AM

It shouldn't be a surprise, though. that the US is putting "security" first and the alleviation of suffering second. This is a golden opportunity to "secure" Haiti(in the eyes of some).

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2010 16:00:22 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitians. People Like Anybody Else!

Man, oh man ((shaking my head)).....maybe THAT is what he meant by "christian charity" to non-Europeans then he spit on the ground. While I am still grateful for the global response to the victims in Haiti, some individuals/ groups always tend to undermine the best efforts and PLAY-INTO the global community and their ANTI-American attitude, putting sincere volunteers, like myself and others, in serious jeopardy simply because we are Americans too!.

Well, guess I'd better put on my "personal insult shield" and reinforce it....again. The exact same happy crappy happened after Obama was elected POTUS, and the whole world had a change of mind about the USA electing a black man, until..... . -Sekhmet

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**We are Haitians. We are Like People  
Like Anybody Else**

by Lenore Daniels

*"The past is never dead-it's not even past."*

-- William Faulkner

From the ground, people hear the sound of helicopters above. Twenty Black Hawk helicopters circling the airport!

Water! Food! Medical supplies!

The people wait as the helicopters of the 82nd Airborne division land and hundreds of U.S. paratroopers become visible. But the paratroopers are in combat gear and armed with automatic machine guns.

There they're at the General Hospital and the Palace.

Water! Food! Medical supplies!

SECURITY!

No food or water or medical supplies until Haiti is SECURE! The U.S. announces that over 2,000 paratroopers will be followed by 8,000 more heavily armed U.S. Marines. Almost two weeks since the earthquake hit Haiti, whole communities have yet to receive water, food, or medical attention. But the whole world watched the U.S. show of power:

Watch and listen Cuba, Venezuela, and Bolivia-Haiti belongs to the U.S.!

This is Haiti several days after the January 12, 2010 earthquake hit Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas. Over 2 million Haitians are starving. Hundreds are dying from lack of medical attention. It's estimated that over 200,000 Haitians died as a direct result of the 7.3 earthquake.

But the U.S. thinks as an Empire thinks! It thinks militarization, invasion, occupation, corporatization, privatization- more resources and an expanded labor base. It thinks: HAITI NEEDS TO BE SECURE. Is it really a surprise that the U.S. command at the airport in Haiti 3 times turned away 5 Medecins San Frontieres (MSF) planes carrying 12 tons of much needed medical supplies? Can we expect anything else from such an entity? Haiti needs to be saved from U.S. militarized security!

But Peace Man announces his priority: to search and to rescue US Embassy personnel! The people of Haiti can wait and wait and wait. But do keep this in mind Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia-and, oh, yes, you Haitians-the U.S. will be there for you! "We will be resolute in our response, and I pledge to the people of Haiti that you will have a friend and partner in the United States of America today and going forward."

"Going forward" only means that Amerikkka has its target set on the poor and working class of Haiti.

On January 12, 2010, shortly after sundown, news reached the world that the epicenter of an earthquake hit Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas. And the world watched as the Haitian people called for immediate response to its plea for assistance to rescue those trapped under the rubble of concrete. Days later, gun-toting paratroopers land with more epaulettes of American flags than rescue equipment or water and food.

Then another announcement from the U.S. Cameras please! Out walk three virtuous warriors posing before the television cameras and photographers while speaking of peace and the humanitarian greatness that is Amerikkka! Smile!

Peace Man, Bush Jr. and Bill Clinton shake hands.



The economic plan for Haiti isn't about empowering the Haitians and leaving the country to its popular democratic party Lavalas. Before the earthquake, the Lavalas leadership had been imprisoned or in hiding. The economic plan came with an AGENDA. According to independent journalist Kevin Pina, "a wholesale campaign of violence [was] waged against Lavalas... [yet it was]...largely maintained through the silence of human rights organizations and the international press."

The economic plan isn't about rights for workers, higher wages for workers, and the nationalization rather than privatization of Haiti's industries. Aristide tried to do this work for the majority of Haitians and look how the U.S. responded! He was an evil monster and Lavalas was a lawless mob of militants-albeit representing the Haitian majority!

The economic plan calls for Haitians to submit to the U.S.'s political and economic agenda to see Haiti one big sweatshop operation, too weary to organize through Lavalas to demand a return of Aristide and Haitian sovereignty. As Ezili Danto writes in his article, "Haiti, Genocide and the New Slavery Model," for Pacific Free Press. Com, 70 percent of Haiti's working class earn 22 cents (70 gourdes) an hour, and they are "forced to pay the Haitian Oligarchs for food to eat at high U.S. import prices, starvation is a given. It's economic slavery. The slavery in Haiti the media won't expose."

But they will show the world looting when people are trying to eat something after almost two weeks of starving!

The dead of this earthquake didn't die in vain.

Look, they said.

And there's a camera to see and show the world how the U.S. security and economic plan comes together to humiliate the Haitian people.

Follow the trail of the dead...

Amidst the "overwhelming" smell of the dead, independent journalist Amy Goodman of Democracy Now! and her camera person catches a view of a helicopter that had landed but proceeded to take off again. Goodman and her crew stopped in L'Escalier to speak to a group of citizens and the mayor when the helicopter begins to drop one package of bread at a time over the area.

"Instead of delivering food when it was on the ground," she said, "where hundreds of people had gathered, it lifted off, circled overhead, and dropped bags of bread on the hungry people below."

The people are rightly furious. One Leogane man steps in front of the camera: "The other countries in the same situation as us, when there's an aid that comes, they don't do that. They don't humiliate people like that. We are Haitians. We are like people like anybody else. Even though we're in a bad situation now, those countries are supposed to have another way to treat us."

"The helicopter came down to the ground, landed, and they should have given to the responsible on the ground to distribute to the rest of the people here, and not when they go back up in the air, throw the bread out like they were throwing bones to dogs." (translated) .

Another man approaches the camera:

"We are very frustrated with the way they drop these little breads, throw them

down to the population, like it's bones they're throwing to dogs.'

Goodman asks about the helicopter. Who owns it? "'Who was it in those helicopters? '"

Mayor Santos Alexis answers: "'It's a private plane from New Mission. New Mission is an institution of United States. You know, it's a church.'"

A church! A U.S. church! New Mission-so much like the old, grand Amerikkkan humanitarian missions to save the uncivilized, the dead say.

Something happened a long time ago in this New World. Europeans escaping the corruption and devastation of their home lands crossed the Atlantic bringing with them an abhorrence of racial difference. In the wilderness, they swore an allegiance to the survival of the Aryan race. This they called-progress.

But the Haitians never learned to fear the U.S. and Western world's characterization of them as intolerable anomalies.

Boukman rising!

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| 31748|2010-02-03 09:31:44|hebrew b'yisrael|Re: The Book of Eli -- A MUST SEE!  
Shalom // Salaam Bro. Mahmoud,

You would have to check with your local theater[s]. If you are in Europe or the U.S., just pick up a newspaper?

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I only found one local theater near you.

This movie is about the total collapse of America!

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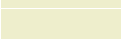


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**From:** Muhammad  
**To:** Ta\_Seti@yahooogroups.com  
**Sent:** Sun, January 31, 2010 3:36:27 PM  
**Subject:** Re: [Ta\_Seti] The Book of Eli -- A MUST SEE!

where is this movie , or book ?

Muhammad Mahmoud  
Giza, Egypt

--- On **Sat, 1/30/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] The Book of Eli -- A MUST SEE!  
To: "ravanna frazier-bey"  
Date: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 2:38 AM

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SPIRITUAL MESSAGES STARTING WITH AL GREEN'S  
SOUL MESSAGE!

| 31749|2010-02-03 09:31:50|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti's Agony, How to Rebuild?|  
"...bottles of liquor still on the shelf..."

Oh my....I wonder if they took some to sell/keep.....ROTFL!!!

Peter, this like the other article was really for the other forum with the "Haiti Hater" on it. I don't want folks to forget about Haiti and the survivors, because it is going to take longer than a week for them to rebuild even in Port Au Prince, the major city there. Once the media leaves for news elsewhere, it seems the "public" interest drops.  
Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 2/2/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti's Agony, How to Rebuild?  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 10:26 AM

The big Port Royal [home base of the pirate, Henry Morgan] earthquake in Kingston Jamaica literally sank a piece of the Palisadoes peninsula. There is ongoing underwater archaeology in these marine waters, and they have already found a rumshop (bar) with bottles of liquor still on the shelf.

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
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From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2010 16:13:02 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haiti's Agony, How to Rebuild?

Folks, I think I didn't mess up the links too bad so anyone interested can go to TIME and read the archives about part of Jamaica being swallowed by the sea after an earthquake. The experts/seismologists said the Haiti quake was unusually powerful, however some people don't think a 7.3 is a "big deal".....go figure. -Sekhmet

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## Haiti's Agony: What It Will Take to Rebuild

By MICHAEL ELLIOTT Thursday, Jan. 14, 2010



A woman stands atop what may have been a grocery store. Haiti now faces food and water shortages

Thony Belizaire / AFP / Getty Images

Tragedy has a way of visiting those who can bear it least. Haiti is the poorest nation in the western hemisphere, a place where malnutrition is widespread and less than half the population has access to clean drinking water. At 4:53:09 p.m. on Jan. 12, at a point 15 miles southwest of the capital, Port-au-Prince, the Caribbean tectonic plate pushed against the neighboring North American plate along a line known as the Enriquillo-Plantain Garden Fault system. On the earth's surface, the enormous energy created by that tremor an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale tossed the car that Bob Poff, the Salvation Army's director of disaster services in Haiti, was driving down the hill from the suburb of Pétionville to Port-au-Prince "to and fro like a toy." When the shaking stopped, Poff wrote on a Salvation Army blog, "I looked out of the windows to see buildings 'pancaking' down ... Thousands of people poured into the streets, crying, carrying bloody bodies, looking for anyone who could help them."

Within the next few hours, the scale of the worst earthquake to hit Haiti in more than 200 years became apparent. Just as cell-phone video cameras brought the horrors of the Indian Ocean tsunami to the world in real time five years ago, so Twitter feeds and blog posts did the same for the Haiti earthquake, reporting on what had happened, asking if anyone had heard from loved ones, calling for medical supplies and Creole speakers. Louise Ivers, clinical director for Haiti for the NGO Partners in Health, wrote, "Port-au-Prince is devastated, lot of deaths. SOS. SOS ... Please help us." Ian Rodgers of Save the Children posted, "We could hear buildings still crumbling down five hours after the earthquake." ([See pictures of the Haiti quake's aftermath.](#))

A day later, the death toll was unknown and as is always the case with earthquakes, which bury their victims unknowable. But more than one Haitian official told news organizations that they thought the final count of the dead would be more than 100,000. The next day, Vincenzo Pugliese, a spokesman for the U.N. mission in Haiti, summed up what was known thus far. The earthquake, he said, had caused major damage, destroying the National Palace, the main cathedral and many government offices. Hotels, hospitals, schools and the capital's main prison had all been wrecked. "Casualties, which are vast," Pugliese said, "can only be estimated. Tens if not hundreds of thousands have suffered varying degrees of destruction to their homes." A nation that was already on its knees had been knocked to the ground.

### **Making a Tough Place Worse**

The quake was not unexpected but then, the tragedy of earthquakes is that none of them are. The world's fault lines, those dangerous boundaries between the slabs that make up the earth's crust, are well mapped. Haiti, a nation of 9 million people, sits atop the junction of the Caribbean and North American plates, which "are shearing the island, crushing it, grinding it," says Michael Blanpied, an associate coordinator for the U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) earthquake-hazards program. "And as that occurs, earthquakes pop off." ([See where the next five big earthquakes will be.](#))

That they do. Historians reckon that there have been about a dozen massive earthquakes in the Caribbean over the past 500 years. The damage they can do is well understood;

in 1692, a quake caused Port Royal, Jamaica, to disappear under the Caribbean Sea, where it lies to this day. But knowing that a quake will happen one day is of little use to those who want to know if it will happen tomorrow or next week or next year. An intense, high-tech exercise in the 1980s by the USGS and the state of California to study a particularly unstable stretch of the San Andreas Fault provided absolutely no telltale signs of a quake that hit in 2004. "Earthquake prediction," says Blanpied, "if it can be done at all, is very difficult."

The Haiti earthquake was not just unusually powerful for the region; it was also shallow a fact that, combined with the soft ground and corrugated, muddy hills around Port-au-Prince, made its impact even worse. In the city itself, sturdy buildings like the cathedral and the National Palace could not withstand the tremor, which meant that many hastily constructed concrete structures collapsed like houses of cards, killing many the Archbishop of Port-au-Prince, for one. ([Read "Seismologist Roger Musson: Haiti Quake Was the 'Big One.'"](#))

Many of the city's finest buildings helped give Haitians their sense of identity and history now the country must not only figure out how to recover but also try to rebuild its sense of self. Just as what happened on Jan. 12 was shaped by Haiti's unique topography and geology, so the final toll, too, will be determined by the nation's very special conditions. Haiti is an unlucky, star-crossed country. Once a slave colony of France, the world's first free black modern nation was born in blood more than 200 years ago, in a long and bitter war of independence. In the years since then, Haiti has suffered almost constantly from local misrule, foreign intervention and economic exploitation. Haiti was occupied by U.S. forces from 1915 to '34, and then from 1957 to '86 it was ruled by François Duvalier and his son Jean-Claude Papa Doc and Baby Doc whose corruption and repression crippled the nation and led to wide-scale emigration among its educated classes.

In 1994 the U.S. intervened to force out a military regime that had ousted the government of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a charismatic priest who had been elected President in 1990. After a decade of political disorder, Aristide, by then in his second term as President, was forced into exile in 2004; since then, Minustah, a U.N. peacekeeping mission, has been in place the latest in a long series of outside forces that have attempted to help Haitians establish peace and a measure of security.

What makes the earthquake especially "cruel and incomprehensible," as U.S. President Barack Obama put it, was that it struck at a rare moment of optimism. After decades of natural and political catastrophes, the U.N. peacekeeping force and an international investment campaign headed by former President Bill Clinton, the U.N.'s special envoy to Haiti, had recently begun to calm and rebuild the nation. But the mood of cautious optimism had not yet begun to improve the basic living conditions of ordinary Haitians. For even on its best day, Haiti is a public-health disaster. No Haitian city has a public sewage system; nearly 200,000 people live with HIV or AIDS, and just half of Haitian children are vaccinated against basic diseases like diphtheria and measles.

The quake will make things unimaginably worse. While emergency-response teams have already begun combing through the wreckage, searching for injured who might still be saved, there are ominous longer-term health risks that threaten the island. "In the weeks to come, we may have huge issues with public health," says Pino Annunziata, who is coordinating the emergency response for the World Health



Organization in Geneva. Less than a day after the disaster, U.S. Navy and Coast Guard vessels were swarming toward Haiti, ready to spearhead disaster-relief efforts. Up to 2,000 Marines were told to be ready to head there. They will all be needed. In the first confused day after the quake, reports stressed the absence of heavy machinery to shift rubble and shore up buildings; people were scrabbling with their bare hands in the rubble for their loved ones. The U.S. military will aim to make sure airports and seaports are primed to receive the flood of aid that will soon flow in.

As always in the developing world, the first priority will be clean water. With drinking-water distribution systems destroyed and survivors crammed into camps without sanitation water supplies could quickly become contaminated. That could lead to rapidly spreading waterborne diseases like cholera and dysentery that can sweep through refugee camps.

With adequate aid, however, the worst might be averted. The world now rarely sees major outbreaks of infectious disease in the wake of disasters. Even in the case of the 2004 tsunami, which killed more than 200,000 people, a rapid and thorough response headed off what could have been a huge postdisaster death toll. Indeed, the sheer amount of international attention on Haiti might ultimately improve its public-health system as occurred in the Indonesian province of Aceh after the tsunami.

All who wish Haiti well will hope for such a benign dispensation. Many will do more than hope. In a Twitter feed, Troy Livesay, one of the many missionaries who first brought word from Port-au-Prince, described the mood the night after the quake.

"Church groups are singing ... in prayer," he wrote. "It is a beautiful sound in the middle of a horrible tragedy."

You don't have to be a believer to hope that the prayers of those Haitians who have long borne sorrows not of their making are answered.

*With reporting by Massimo Calabresi, Michael Scherer and Mark Thompson / Washington; Gilbert Cruz, Jeffrey Kluger, Kate Pickert and Bryan Walsh / New York; and Tim Padgett / Miami*

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Black History Month

Henrietta Lacks "Immortal Cells", from Brother Solomon Yemani:

Read how Journalist Rebecca Skloot's new book investigates how a poor black tobacco farmer had a groundbreaking impact on modern medicine.

( by Sarah Zielinski for the Smithsonian.com )

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later,

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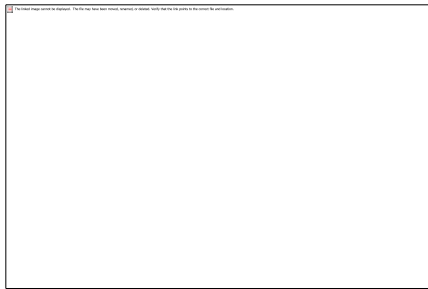
| 31752|2010-02-03 09:34:04|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haiti food convoy attacked|  
They must have been very desperate. -Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.




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## Haiti food convoy attacked; UN warns of volatility

**AP** Associated Press



*APA woman sells items taken from the rubble of damaged buildings in Port-au-Prince, Monday, Feb. 1, 2010.*

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*By PAISLEY DODDS, Associated Press Writer Paisley Dodds, Associated Press Writer 5minsago*

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti Twenty armed men blocked a road and tried to hijack a convoy of food for earthquake victims, but were driven off by police gunfire, U.N. officials said Tuesday as they warned of security problems in a still-desperate nation. The attack on the convoy as it carried supplies from an airport in the southern town of Jeremie underscored the shaky safety in the streets that has added to Haitians' frustration at the slow pace of aid since the Jan. 12 earthquake.

Most quake victims are still living outside in squalid tents of sheets and sticks and aid officials acknowledge they have not yet gotten food to the majority of those in need. Mobs have stolen food and looted goods from their neighbors in the camps, prompting many to band together or stay awake at night to prevent raids.

About 20 armed men blockaded a street Saturday and attacked a convoy carrying food from the airport in Jeremie, according to UN spokesman Vincenzo Pugliese. U.N. and Haitian officers fired warning gunshots and the men fled the scene, Pugliese said. No injuries were reported and no one was hurt.

Haitian police have increased their own patrols and are accompanying UN police guarding aid distribution.

"The overall security situation across the country remains stable but potentially volatile," the UN mission said in a statement Tuesday.

In Jacmel, also a southern city, 33 escaped prisoners were apprehended Sunday, the U.N. said. Many prisoners escaped when prisons collapsed.

While Haitians are still mourning friends and relatives, many still unburied, anger at the government's sluggish response to the quake is feeding political resentment.

About 40 protesters gathered outside the Haitian government's temporary headquarters, holding placards to demand pay for state workers. Many who had jobs before the earthquake can't return to work because buildings have collapsed.

Hundreds more waited outside the migration agency Tuesday to renew their passports in the hope they can leave the country. Others, despairing of government help, paid men to excavate loved ones from the rubble.

Hundreds gathered Monday at a gravel pit in Titanyen where countless earthquake victims have been dumped, turning a remembrance ceremony for the dead into one of the first organized political rallies since the disaster.

Many denounced President Rene Preval and called for the return of ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

"Preval has done nothing for this country, nothing for the victims," said Jean Delcius, 54, who was bused to the memorial service by Aristide's development foundation. "We need someone new to take charge here. If it's not Aristide, then someone competent." Critics were already blaming Preval for rising unemployment, corruption and greed. Then the earthquake struck, flattening most government buildings and turning the capital into an apocalyptic vision of broken concrete and twisted steel.

Preval has rarely been seen in public since, leaving Prime Minister Max Bellerive to defend the government's performance Tuesday as Haiti's Senate met in a prefabricated room at the police academy because its own building collapsed in the quake.

"Even the most advanced countries could not respond to this crisis," Bellerive said. "There is still a government, but we have no buildings. We have no equipment. We have no resources."

The government has asked all non-governmental aid groups in the country to start working with it to improve the often disjointed food distribution.

"It is true we are in need," said Sen. Jean Joel Joseph. "But don't treat us like dogs ... as if we are animals. We ask the prime minister to ask the foreigners to reorganize the way this aid is being distributed. "

Haiti's government also has had to deal with the 10 Americans who tried to take a busload of undocumented Haitian children out of the country. The Idaho-based church group was being held without charges at a police station as officials debated what to do with them.

Bellerive has said they could be prosecuted in the United States because Haiti's shattered court system may not be able to cope with a trial. U.S. Embassy officials would not say if a U.S. court process is possible.

Discontent with Preval appears to be growing, three weeks after the disaster.

"He came Saturday and then just left," said Jude John Peter, 23, in a camp across from Haiti's demolished National Palace, where some 2,000 people are crammed into tents.

"He's nowhere to be seen at first and then leaves when things get hot."

Aristide, a former slum priest had a huge following among Haiti's poor, but he was ousted in 2004 as corruption and drug trafficking grew rampant and some of former supporters accused him of abandoning his early followers to line his own pockets.

Aristide has said that he would like to return from his exile in South Africa a move that would add political instability to the post-quake chaos.

Before legislative elections scheduled for Feb. 28 were postponed, Haiti's presidentially appointed electoral council had excluded more than a dozen political parties including Aristide's from the next round of elections in 2011. Opposition groups accused the council of trying to help Preval expand his power.

Across the capital, Haitians have voiced anger over the hasty burials of earthquake victims.

Many Haitians believe that bodies must be properly buried and remembered by relatives and family so their spirits can pass on to heaven. In Voodoo, some believe that improper burials can trap spirits between two worlds.

The mourners on Monday gathered near a white metal cross erected on a mound of gravel that covered nameless bodies dropped into a pit by dump trucks. The corpse of a woman lay uncovered at the base of a nearby gravel pile.

One by one, people tied black pieces of cloth to the cross as a Catholic priest sprinkled the ground with holy water. A choir sang traditional Haitian hymns as religious leaders prayed for the dead.

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Associated Press Writers Frank Jordans contributed to this report from Geneva.

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Yahoo! News

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| 31753|2010-02-03 09:34:43|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Eli The Movie, Religious Propaganda|

Hello Hebrew,

thanks for forwarding this, but I guess I am a little "thick" because I don't get the point of the original poster....and "no", I haven't seen the movie yet. I suspect, I will spend most of my time drooling over Denzel (yeah, babe) Washington on the screen, and will have to watch it twice to get to the "religious propaganda" thingy.

Anyhoo, I think all organized religions pretty much "suck" anyway, especially if one is female.  
Sekhmet

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--- On Tue, 2/2/10, hebrew b'yisrael wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: [PanAF\_House] Eli The Movie, Religious Propaganda

To: goddess\_isis\_loving@yahoo.com

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 6:12 AM

Shalom Chief Elder Osiris;

Strip away the "dogma" & look @ the "practical side" -- Are "Afro-centric" thinking people ready for the collapse of Western Civilization?

Look @ the movies like "Book of Eli" & "The Road" & gleam things you will need for your group to survive? Look @ Haiti & Katrina -- are we ready or just sitting around waiting on the Red Cross?

peace,

hebrew

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By Chief Elder Osiris

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I will keep it short in expressing my condemnation of Denzel, Eli Movie, it is the most profane bunch of religious crap I have had the opportunity to watch.

Is Religion in such disarray to the point that it has to produce such obvious Religious propaganda, only a profane religious believing mind would rate the Movie Eli as being inspiring to watch, to see the evil desperation of Religion, yes, but to expect some Divine inspiration from watching such religious propaganda, No.

Eli the movie is not up for debate concerning what it tactfully conveyed concerning the Book, Eli, the King James Version of the Bible, a book ordered to be written not by God, but by the King himself, James.

The scene with Gary Oldman was about the accurate proclamation told about the Book, referencing the Holy Book of God, the Lord, when he so stated the reason why he desired to gain possession of the Book Eli.

Gary Oldman stated his reason he covet having the Bible Book of Eli in his possession, which was that, with that Book in his possess, at the start of a New World, he would be able to control the world, because with the Book of Eli he would gain control of the Mind of the coming New World, by having the only book that hold the scriptures of a Religious Nature, requiring the people of the New World to Believe in every word that



is to come from the Book of Eli and it being claimed to be the word of God, the Lord.

It Representing the birth of the beginning of the New World Religious Belief, in what King James has so commissioned to be written to be portrayed as the Word of God, claiming with such a Book, it would make the owner to become the most powerful Man in the New World .

Indicating as it is now in the World that is on its way out, with the Book of King James, so will it be again in the New World, Religion being the Root of All Evil to come before Man, Demanding and Commanding that every word in that Book is the Word of God and it Command that you believe such a claim to be True, as the Old World was Commanded to believe, in such a Book, so shall the New World Believe the Same, such being a perpetuation of Evil Lies and acts of Deception, in controlling the world, Old or New.

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***Also email O\_akkebala2002@ yahoo.com for a copy of LIES ABOUT GOD***

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click above, tragic true story



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

| 31755|2010-02-03 09:36:20|hebrew b'yisrael|Hebrew wants you to take action on "Take GM Corn off the Shelves!"|

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Message from Hebrew Ben Yisrael

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Hi, I signed the petition "Take GM Corn off the Shelves!". I'm asking you to sign this petition to help us reach our goal of 10,000 signatures. I care deeply about this cause, and I hope you will support our efforts.

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| 31756|2010-02-03 09:36:53|hebrew b'yisrael|Yahoo! Shine - Vanity Fair's "New Hollywood" issue completely lacks |  
Denise,

I thought the "New Young Hollywood" was more in-tune with reality? I wonder why these women did not even think to bring it up during the shoot?

Well, time for your content, sisters!

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**Personal message:**

I saw this blog post on Yahoo! Shine and thought that you might be interested -- this should make for good EEOC chatter? H-

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| 31757|2010-02-03 09:37:18|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Congressional Black Caucus revolts against President Obama|

Hello Shu Tefnut,

thanks for the article (which I read and copied below) and I heartily concur that if white Americans had the same unemployment rates as black Americans, there WOULD be rioting in the streets.

I don't know what the CBC is thinking about at this time, or what they are alluding to about Obama "abandoning the African American community"....all of a sudden. Perhaps I missed something here in Podunk, because I think he has done quite well considering the MESS(S) he was handed on election day. Maybe they got caught up in the political rhetoric about some "post-racial America"....which is obviously a pipe dream of the Palin supporters IMNSHO.

So, who are the "enemies of African Americans" that Obama picked for his cabinet? So far, white Americans have denounced his former pastor and any political allies prior to becoming the POTUS, but...unless I missed something, only the black political allies especially if they had any ties to ACORN. Even when Colin Powell endorsed him later, he looked a bit skittish but resolved to support Obama.

Sheesh, I wish you people would make up your mind about who your "leaders" are and what hoops they have to jump through to keep the so-called black community appeased and supportive for an entire year. Did Dubya get this crappola from the evangelicals so soon after his first election?

Hah! That was only TWO questions, and not too difficult IMO. I hope someone will answer them. -Sekhmet

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--- On **Mon, 2/1/10, Shu Tefnut** wrote:

From: Shu Tefnut

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Fw: [BNYEE]-- Congressional Black Caucus revolts against President Obama

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**Subject:** [BNYEE]-- Congressional Black Caucus revolts against President Obama

**As a participant in the 2008 "Great Harlem Debate" I pointed out that President-elect Obama was appointing enemies of African Americans to major positions in his administration, particularly his chief of staff, Rahm Emanuel and his chief economic adviser, Dr. Lawrence Summers.**

**Finally, the Congressional Black Caucus has shown some spine in challenging President Obama's failure to address the needs of African Americans, taking us for granted.**

**The attached article by Dr. Boyce Watkins is well worth reading.  
Donald H. Smith, Ph.D.**

<http://www.bvonmone y.com/2009/12/05/congressio nal-black- caucus-obama/>

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## The Congressional Black Caucus Attacks President Barack Obama

By [Boyce Watkins, PhD](#) on Dec 5th 2009  
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It seems that the Congressional Black Caucus has a bone to pick with President Barack Obama. The 43-member group [recently agreed to boycott a vote on a financial overhaul measure](#) as a sign of protest toward the Obama Administration. The bill easily passed, but Rep. Maxine Waters made it clear that the caucus could cause trouble for future Democratic bills by voting with the Republicans. The protest was in response to what the CBC considers to be a blatant disregard for [African American issues](#) by the Obama Administration.

In response to the recent actions by the CBC, I only have one thing to say: Great move.

While I applaud the Congressional Black Caucus decision to stand tough when dealing with the Obama Administration, this move is not without it's problems. As the CBC swims into the dangerous realm of critiquing President Obama, a few points should remain clear:

**1) The CBC is not attempting to tarnish Barack Obama's presidency. By standing strong, they are helping him to do his job more effectively:** In politics, only squeaky wheels get oiled. Representative Maxine Waters has become Obama's new Jeremiah Wright, as she has made the Obama Administration uncomfortable by asking all of the really tough questions and calling for Presidential accountability. The problem is that unlike Jeremiah Wright, President Obama can't get rid of Maxine Waters, who is an entrenched figure in national politics. Waters, as well as Rep. John Conyers, understands that if you don't negotiate tough on Capitol Hill, you are going to get ignored. Thus far, the president has largely dismissed nearly all concerns of the African American community, in large part because he knows that [black people](#) are never going to complain about his performance. Barack Obama could join the Ku Klux Klan and African Americans would still give him a pass. By holding the



president accountable, the CBC is doing its job of ensuring that its black constituency is near the top of the president's list of priorities, since he has thus far spent his time catering to those who hate him the most. George Bush was a terrible president, but at least he took care of his friends.

**2) The move by the Congressional Black Caucus brings a huge risk of backlash:** There are many in the [African American community](#) who've made the horribly inaccurate comparison of Barack Obama to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Although he is certainly a king in his own right, President Obama is NOT Martin Luther king. [While white Americans have started to go after President Obama](#), African Americans have stood firm and quiet, with approval ratings consistently above 90 percent. Adding fuel to the fire, [Dr. Wilmer Leon](#), a prominent Political Scientist at Howard University, questioned the motives of the CBC in challenging President Obama.

"Where were their 'warning shots' during the Bush II administration when Americans need their voices in protest of the war?" asks Dr. Leon, host of the Sirius/XM radio show, "On with Leon." "Where was the CBC when America needed their warning shots in support of a call to impeach President Bush, VP Cheney, Powell, Rice and the others who lied to the American people about the need to invade Iraq? This current act appears to be a weak attempt at making themselves relevant."

While one can argue that African Americans are far more concerned about keeping jobs than protesting war, Dr. Leon reminds us of one important point: Politicians usually have an ulterior motive, and most of them can't be trusted completely. This does not, however, imply that the CBC is not fighting for the African American community in this initiative.

**3) The Congressional Black Caucus should be more concerned about President Obama's advisers than they are about the president himself:** [I've written in the past that Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke](#) is embarrassingly ignorant about the subtleties of [African American economic problems](#) (as are most of the so-called leading scholars in my field, Finance, who grew up with silver spoons in their mouths). Lawrence Summers, Director of the National Economic Council, has been accused by his former Harvard colleagues of being both racist and sexist (he showed tremendous disrespect toward Dr. Cornel West, a man who greatly exceeds him in both achievements and intellect). Rahm Emanuel, President Obama's Chief of Staff, has created a great deal of bad blood with the CBC and has shown favoritism toward white conservatives, while ignoring African Americans for many key staff positions. Barack Obama is not the problem: It is those around him who might ultimately bring him down.

**4) The CBC must remember that Obama could be their best bet:** By possibly undermining a president who is already under fire, the CBC takes the

risk of having a Sarah Palin or John McCain to deal with the next time around (McCain has lived this long, so why not?). This makes President Obama a pretty appealing choice, and the only question at this point is whether Obama would have been better for the black community than, say, Hillary Clinton. That question gets more and more difficult to answer with each passing week. When it comes to race, Obama has only been willing to openly (and sloppily) address the scandal with Harvard Professor Henry Louis Gates. Even that incident was based on elitist cronyism and not a genuine regard for the African American community. I am hard pressed to believe that either Gates or Obama shows much concern for the average black man and woman on the street, since there is little political advantage to supporting the weakest political and economic demographics.

In their fight with Obama, the Congressional Black Caucus should keep pressing, not out of hate for the president, but out of love for their constituents. If the rest of America had to deal with the horrible unemployment rates of the African American community, they would be rioting in the streets. But for some reason, black people believe that it is our job to suffer in silence and to accept whatever scraps we can get. We must remember the truth: if you don't squeak in Washington, you get no oil. Black people should not be second class citizens, so our politicians should be squeaking loudly.



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Hebrew,

this is a REALLY good article/site and I hope folks take the time to read the whole thing. Some parts were even humorous, like the influx of "refugees from the suburbs"...ROTFL!!

Thanks for sending it, since urban centers are full of "renters". Since this was written in 2006, I suppose he is "predicting" the USAcollapse for 2012 along with the majority in the religious community(s).

Sekhmet

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## **Closing the 'Collapse Gap': the USSR was better prepared for collapse than the US**

by Dmitry Orlov



Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. I am not an expert or a scholar or an activist. I am more of an eye-witness. I watched the Soviet Union collapse, and I have tried to put my observations

into a concise message. I will leave it up to you to decide just how urgent a message it is. My talk tonight is about the lack of collapse-preparedness here in the United States. I will compare it with the situation in the Soviet Union, prior to its collapse. The rhetorical device I am going to use is the "Collapse Gap" to go along with the Nuclear Gap, and the Space Gap, and various other superpower gaps that were fashionable during the Cold War.



Slide [2] The subject of economic collapse is generally a sad one. But I am an optimistic, cheerful sort of person, and I believe that, with a bit of preparation, such events can be taken in stride. As you can probably surmise, I am actually rather keen on observing economic collapses. Perhaps when I am really old, all collapses will start looking the same to me, but I am not at that point yet.

And this next one certainly has me intrigued. From what I've seen and read, it seems that there is a fair chance that the U.S. economy will collapse sometime within the foreseeable future. It also would seem that we won't be particularly well-prepared for it. As things stand, the U.S. economy is poised to perform something like a disappearing act. And so I am eager to put my observations of the Soviet collapse to good use.



Slide [3] I anticipate that some people will react rather badly to having their country compared to the USSR. I would like to assure you that the Soviet people would have reacted similarly, had the United States collapsed first. Feelings aside, here are two 20th century superpowers, who wanted more or less the same things things like technological progress, economic growth, full employment, and world domination but they

disagreed about the methods. And they obtained similar results each had a good run, intimidated the whole planet, and kept the other scared. Each eventually went bankrupt.

Slide [4] The USA and the USSR were evenly matched in many categories, but let me just mention four. The Soviet manned space program is alive and well under Russian management, and now offers first-ever space charters. The Americans have been hitching rides on the Soyuz while their remaining spaceships sit in the shop.

The arms race has not produced a clear winner, and that is excellent news, because Mutual Assured Destruction remains in effect. Russia still has more nuclear warheads than the US, and has supersonic cruise missile technology that can penetrate any missile shield, especially a nonexistent one.

The Jails Race once showed the Soviets with a decisive lead, thanks to their innovative GULAG program. But they gradually fell behind, and in the end the Jails Race has been won by the Americans, with the highest percentage of people in jail ever.

The Hated Evil Empire Race is also finally being won by the Americans. It's easy now that they don't have anyone to compete against.

Slide [5] Continuing with our list of superpower similarities, many of the problems that sunk the Soviet Union are now endangering the United States as well. Such as a huge, well-equipped, very expensive military, with no clear mission, bogged down in fighting Muslim insurgents. Such as energy shortfalls linked to peaking oil production. Such as a persistently unfavorable trade balance, resulting in runaway foreign debt. Add to that a delusional self-image, an inflexible ideology, and

an unresponsive political system.

Slide [6] An economic collapse is amazing to observe, and very interesting if described accurately and in detail. A general description tends to fall short of the mark, but let me try. An economic arrangement can continue for quite some time after it becomes untenable, through sheer inertia. But at some point a tide of broken promises and invalidated assumptions sweeps it all out to sea. One such untenable arrangement rests on the notion that it is possible to perpetually borrow more and more money from abroad, to pay for more and more energy imports, while the price of these imports continues to double every few years. Free money with which to buy energy equals free energy, and free energy does not occur in nature. This must therefore be a transient condition. When the flow of energy snaps back toward equilibrium, much of the US economy will be forced to shut down.

Slide [7] I've described what happened to Russia in some detail in one of my articles, which is available on [SurvivingPeakOil.com](http://SurvivingPeakOil.com). I don't see why what happens to the United States should be entirely dissimilar, at least in general terms. The specifics will be different, and we will get to them in a moment. We should certainly expect shortages of fuel, food, medicine, and countless consumer items, outages of electricity, gas, and water, breakdowns in transportation systems and other infrastructure, hyperinflation, widespread shutdowns and mass layoffs, along with a lot of despair, confusion, violence, and lawlessness. We definitely should not expect any grand rescue plans, innovative technology programs, or miracles of social cohesion.

Slide [8] When faced with such developments, some people are quick to realize what it is they have to do to survive, and start doing these things, generally without anyone's permission. A sort of economy emerges, completely informal, and often semi-criminal. It revolves around liquidating, and recycling, the remains of the old economy. It is based on direct access to resources, and the threat of force, rather than ownership or legal authority. People who have a problem with this way of doing things, quickly find themselves out of the game.

These are the generalities. Now let's look at some specifics.



Slide [9] One important element of collapse-preparedness is making sure that you don't need a functioning economy to keep a roof over your head. In the Soviet Union, all housing belonged to the government, which made it available directly to the people. Since all housing was also built by the government, it was only built in places that the government could service using public transportation. After the collapse, almost everyone managed to keep their place.

In the United States, very few people own their place of residence free and clear, and even they need an income to pay real estate taxes. People without an income face homelessness. When the economy collapses, very few people will continue to have an income, so homelessness will become rampant. Add to that the car-dependent nature of most suburbs, and what you will get is mass migrations of homeless people toward city centers.



Slide [10] Soviet public transportation was more or less all there was, but there was plenty of it. There were also a few private cars, but so few that gasoline rationing and shortages were mostly



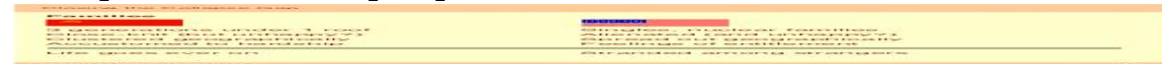
inconsequential. All of this public infrastructure was designed to be almost infinitely maintainable, and continued to run even as the rest of the economy collapsed.

The population of the United States is almost entirely car-dependent, and relies on markets that control oil import, refining, and distribution. They also rely on continuous public investment in road construction and repair. The cars themselves require a steady stream of imported parts, and are not designed to last very long. When these intricately interconnected systems stop functioning, much of the population will find itself stranded.



Slide [11] Economic collapse affects public sector employment almost as much as private sector employment, eventually. Because government bureaucracies tend to be slow to act, they collapse more slowly. Also, because state-owned enterprises tend to be inefficient, and stockpile inventory, there is plenty of it left over, for the employees to take home, and use in barter. Most Soviet employment was in the public sector, and this gave people some time to think of what to do next.

Private enterprises tend to be much more efficient at many things. Such laying off their people, shutting their doors, and liquidating their assets. Since most employment in the United States is in the private sector, we should expect the transition to permanent unemployment to be quite abrupt for most people.



Slide [12] When confronting hardship, people usually fall back on their families for support. The Soviet Union experienced chronic housing shortages, which often resulted in three generations living together under one roof. This



didn't make them happy, but at least they were used to each other. The usual expectation was that they would stick it out together, come what may. In the United States, families tend to be atomized, spread out over several states. They sometimes have trouble tolerating each other when they come together for Thanksgiving, or Christmas, even during the best of times. They might find it difficult to get along, in bad times. There is already too much loneliness in this country, and I doubt that economic collapse will cure it.

Slide [13] To keep evil at bay, Americans require money. In an economic collapse, there is usually hyperinflation, which wipes out savings. There is also rampant unemployment, which wipes out incomes. The result is a population that is largely penniless.

In the Soviet Union, very little could be obtained for money. It was treated as tokens rather than as wealth, and was shared among friends. Many things housing and transportation among them were either free or almost free.

Slide [14] Soviet consumer products were always an object of derision refrigerators that kept the house warm and the food, and so on. You'd be lucky if you got one at all, and it would be up to you to make it work once you got it home. But once you got it to work, it would become a priceless family heirloom, handed down from generation to generation, sturdy, and almost infinitely maintainable.


In the United States, you often hear that something "is not worth fixing." This is enough to make a Russian see red. I once heard of an elderly Russian who became irate when a hardware store in Boston wouldn't sell him replacement bedsprings: "People are throwing away perfectly good

mattresses, how am I supposed to fix them?" Economic collapse tends to shut down both local production and imports, and so it is vitally important that anything you own wears out slowly, and that you can fix it yourself if it breaks. Soviet-made stuff generally wore incredibly hard. The Chinese-made stuff you can get around here much less so.

Slide [15] The Soviet agricultural sector was notoriously inefficient. Many people grew and gathered their own food even in relatively prosperous times. There were food warehouses in every city, stocked according to a government allocation scheme. There were very few restaurants, and most families cooked and ate at home. Shopping was rather labor-intensive, and involved carrying heavy loads. Sometimes it resembled hunting stalking that elusive piece of meat lurking behind some store counter. So the people were well-prepared for what came next. In the United States, most people get their food from a supermarket, which is supplied from far away using refrigerated diesel trucks. Many people don't even bother to shop and just eat fast food. When people do cook, they rarely cook from scratch. This is all very unhealthy, and the effect on the nation's girth, is visible, clear across the parking lot. A lot of the people, who just waddle to and from their cars, seem unprepared for what comes next. If they suddenly had to start living like the Russians, they would blow out their knees.


Slide [16] The Soviet government threw resources at immunization programs, infectious disease control, and basic care. It directly operated a system of state-owned clinics, hospitals, and sanatoriums. People with fatal ailments or chronic

conditions often had reason to complain, and had to pay for private care if they had the money. In the United States, medicine is for profit. People seems to think nothing of this fact. There are really very few fields of endeavor to which Americans would deny the profit motive. The problem is, once the economy is removed, so is the profit, along with the services it once helped to motivate.



Slide [17] The Soviet education system was generally quite excellent. It produced an overwhelmingly literate population and many great specialists. The education was free at all levels, but higher education sometimes paid a stipend, and often provided room and board. The educational system held together quite well after the economy collapsed. The problem was that the graduates had no jobs to look forward to upon graduation. Many of them lost their way.

The higher education system in the United States is good at many things government and industrial research, team sports, vocational training... Primary and secondary education fails to achieve in 12 years what Soviet schools generally achieved in 8. The massive scale and expense of maintaining these institutions is likely to prove too much for the post-collapse environment. Illiteracy is already a problem in the United States, and we should expect it to get a lot worse.



Slide [18] The Soviet Union did not need to import energy. The production and distribution system faltered, but never collapsed. Price controls kept the lights on even as hyperinflation raged. The term "market failure" seems to fit the energy situation in the United States. Free markets develop some pernicious characteristics when there are shortages of key commodities. During World War

II, the United States government understood this, and successfully rationed many things, from gasoline to bicycle parts. But that was a long time ago. Since then, the inviolability of free markets has become an article of faith.

Slide [19] My conclusion is that the Soviet Union was much better-prepared for economic collapse than the United States is.

I have left out two important superpower asymmetries, because they don't have anything to do with collapse-preparedness. Some countries are simply luckier than others. But I will mention them, for the sake of completeness.

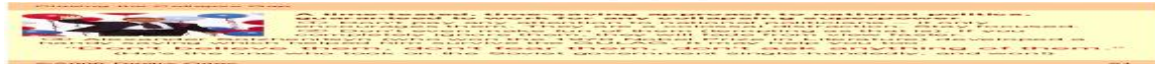
In terms of racial and ethnic composition, the United States resembles Yugoslavia more than it resembles Russia, so we shouldn't expect it to be as peaceful as Russia was, following the collapse. Ethnically mixed societies are fragile and have a tendency to explode.

In terms of religion, the Soviet Union was relatively free of apocalyptic doomsday cults. Very few people there wished for a planet-sized atomic fireball to herald the second coming of their savior. This was indeed a blessing.

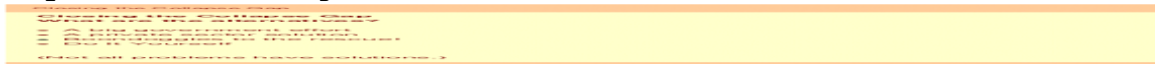
Slide [20] One area in which I cannot discern any Collapse Gap is national politics. The ideologies may be different, but the blind adherence to them couldn't be more similar.

It is certainly more fun to watch two Capitalist parties go at each other than just having the one Communist party to vote for. The things they fight over in public are generally symbolic little tokens of social policy, chosen for ease of public posturing. The Communist party offered just one bitter pill. The two Capitalist parties offer a choice of two placebos. The latest innovation is the photo finish election, where each party buys

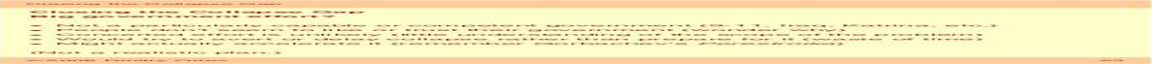
50% of the vote, and the result is pulled out of statistical noise, like a rabbit out of a hat. The American way of dealing with dissent and with protest is certainly more advanced: why imprison dissidents when you can just let them shout into the wind to their heart's content? The American approach to bookkeeping is more subtle and nuanced than the Soviet. Why make a state secret of some statistic, when you can just distort it, in obscure ways? Here's a simple example: inflation is "controlled" by substituting hamburger for steak, in order to minimize increases to Social Security payments.




Slide [21] Many people expend a lot of energy protesting against their irresponsible, unresponsive government. It seems like a terrible waste of time, considering how ineffectual their protests are. Is it enough of a consolation for them to be able to read about their efforts in the foreign press? I think that they would feel better if they tuned out the politicians, the way the politicians tune them out. It's as easy as turning off the television set. If they try it, they will probably observe that nothing about their lives has changed, nothing at all, except maybe their mood has improved. They might also find that they have more time and energy to devote to more important things.



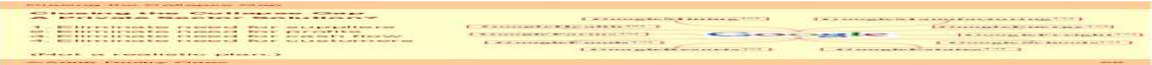
Slide [22] I will now sketch out some approaches, realistic and otherwise, to closing the Collapse Gap. My little list of approaches might seem a bit glib, but keep in mind that this is a very difficult problem. In fact, it's important to keep in mind that not all problems have solutions. I can promise you that we will not solve this problem tonight. What I will try to do is to shed some light on it from several angles.



Slide [23] Many people rail against the unresponsiveness and irresponsibility of the government. They often say things like "What is needed is..." plus the name of some big, successful government project from the glorious past the Marshall Plan, the Manhattan Project, the Apollo program. But there is nothing in the history books about a government preparing for collapse. Gorbachev's "Perestroika" is an example of a government trying to avert or delay collapse. It probably helped speed it along.



Slide [24] There are some things that I would like the government to take care of in preparation for collapse. I am particularly concerned about all the radioactive and toxic installations, stockpiles, and dumps. Future generations are unlikely to be able to control them, especially if global warming puts them underwater. There is enough of this muck sitting around to kill off most of us. I am also worried about soldiers getting stranded overseas abandoning one's soldiers is among the most shameful things a country can do. Overseas military bases should be dismantled, and the troops repatriated. I'd like to see the huge prison population whittled away in a controlled manner, ahead of time, instead of in a chaotic general amnesty. Lastly, I think that this farce with debts that will never be repaid, has gone on long enough. Wiping the slate clean will give society time to readjust. So, you see, I am not asking for any miracles. Although, if any of these things do get done, I would consider it a miracle.



Slide [25] A private sector solution is not impossible; just very, very unlikely. Certain Soviet state enterprises were basically states



within states. They controlled what amounted to an entire economic system, and could go on even without the larger economy. They kept to this arrangement even after they were privatized. They drove Western management consultants mad, with their endless kindergartens, retirement homes, laundries, and free clinics. These weren't part of their core competency, you see. They needed to divest and to streamline their operations. The Western management gurus overlooked the most important thing: the core competency of these enterprises lay in their ability to survive economic collapse. Maybe the young geniuses at Google can wrap their heads around this one, but I doubt that their stockholders will.

Slide [26] It's important to understand that the Soviet Union achieved collapse-preparedness inadvertently, and not because of the success of some crash program. Economic collapse has a way of turning economic negatives into positives. The last thing we want is a perfectly functioning, growing, prosperous economy that suddenly collapses one day, and leaves everybody in the lurch. It is not necessary for us to embrace the tenets of command economy and central planning to match the Soviet lackluster performance in this area. We have our own methods, that are working almost as well. I call them "boondoggles." They are solutions to problems that cause more problems than they solve.

Just look around you, and you will see boondoggles sprouting up everywhere, in every field of endeavor: we have military boondoggles like Iraq, financial boondoggles like the doomed retirement system, medical boondoggles like private health insurance, legal boondoggles like the intellectual property system. The combined weight of all these boondoggles is slowly but surely pushing us all down. If it pushes us down far enough, then

economic collapse, when it arrives, will be like falling out of a ground floor window. We just have to help this process along, or at least not interfere with it. So if somebody comes to you and says "I want to make a boondoggle that runs on hydrogen" by all means encourage him! It's not as good as a boondoggle that burns money directly, but it's a step in the right direction.

Slide [27] Certain types of mainstream economic behavior are not prudent on a personal level, and are also counterproductive to bridging the Collapse Gap. Any behavior that might result in continued economic growth and prosperity is counterproductive: the higher you jump, the harder you land. It is traumatic to go from having a big retirement fund to having no retirement fund because of a market crash. It is also traumatic to go from a high income to little or no income. If, on top of that, you have kept yourself incredibly busy, and suddenly have nothing to do, then you will really be in rough shape.

Economic collapse is about the worst possible time for someone to suffer a nervous breakdown, yet this is what often happens. The people who are most at risk psychologically are successful middle-aged men. When their career is suddenly over, their savings are gone, and their property worthless, much of their sense of self-worth is gone as well. They tend to drink themselves to death and commit suicide in disproportionate numbers. Since they tend to be the most experienced and capable people, this is a staggering loss to society.

If the economy, and your place within it, is really important to you, you will be really hurt when it goes away. You can cultivate an attitude of studied indifference, but it has to be more than just a conceit. You have to develop the lifestyle and the habits and the physical stamina



to back it up. It takes a lot of creativity and effort to put together a fulfilling existence on the margins of society. After the collapse, these margins may turn out to be some of the best places to live.

Slide [28] I hope that I didn't make it sound as if the Soviet collapse was a walk in the park, because it was really quite awful in many ways. The point that I do want to stress is that when this economy collapses, it is bound to be much worse. Another point I would like to stress is that collapse here is likely to be permanent. The factors that allowed Russia and the other former Soviet republics to recover are not present here. In spite of all this, I believe that in every age and circumstance, people can sometimes find not just a means and a reason to survive, but enlightenment, fulfillment, and freedom. If we can find them even after the economy collapses, then why not start looking for them now?

Thank you.

~~~~~ Editorial Notes

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Energy Bulletin published an excerpt from this talk yesterday (Dec 3), and Dmitry reported that his small webserver was overwhelmed with requests. Although it's good news that his writing has such a following, PLEASE don't access the document on his web server (Club Orlov). The same content is here, on Energy Bulletin's heavier duty webserver.

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Orlov has many penetrating insights, couched in his dark humor. Particularly striking is the strong case he makes that the peoples of the USSR were actually better prepared for a collapse because

- they had learned to be more self-reliant
- many crucial functions (like housing and

transportation) were taken care of by the state sector which was more stable than a private sector would have been.

Orlov's cynicism about the possibility of intelligent government action was probably justified in the case of the Soviet Union, but I think it would be a tragic mistake to abandon efforts to change the direction of the U.S. The Soviets had little chance to make democratic institutions work. We do have that chance.

-BA

UPDATE: Dmitri Orlov writes on March 4, 2007: You wrote that "The Soviets had little chance to make democratic institutions work." That's not entirely true. Perestroika and Glasnost were all about democracy, and in my opinion it had the same chance of success as the hopelessly gerrymandered system that passes for democracy in the US, (although much less than any proper, modern democracy, in which the Bush regime would have been put out of power quite a while ago, after a simple parliamentary vote of no confidence and early elections). The problem is that, in a collapse scenario, democracy is the least effective system of government one can possibly think of (think Weimar, or the Russian Interim Government) - a topic I cover in Post-Soviet Lessons.

Lastly, I don't think calling me a cynic is exactly accurate: I've been in the US a long time, watching the system become progressively more dysfunctional with each passing political season. It seems to me that it is not necessarily cynical to be able to spot a solid trend, but that it could be simply observant.

UPDATE (October 30, 2007):

We've noticed an influx of visitors to Dmitry Orlov's article, since its mention on several websites. Dmitry writes that his new book,

"Reinventing Collapse," is due from New Society Publishers in the springtime.

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"..hadn't heard of Senegal's offer..."

It is the last two paragraphs below, and I concur....very generous of them and the USA for quickly resuming the medevac flights.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 2/2/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

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I hadn't heard of Senegal's offer, but more power to both Haiti and Senegal if it is correct.

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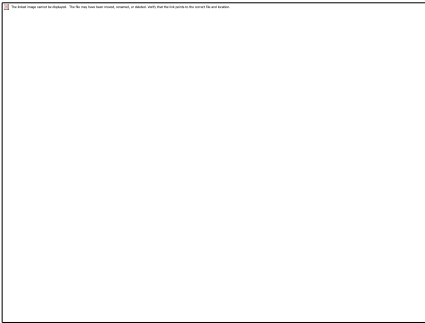
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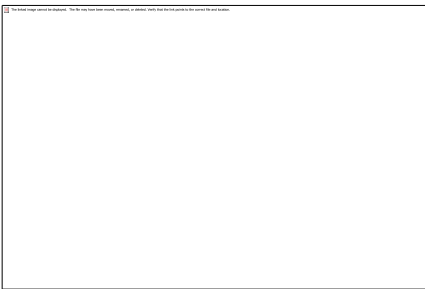
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*By PAISLEY DODDS, Associated Press Writer Paisley Dodds, Associated Press Writer*

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti The U.S. military has resumed urgent medical evacuation flights for Haitian quake victims, an official announced Monday, and life for survivors took a step toward normalcy as many schools reopened for the first time since an earthquake devastated the nation. U.S. Army Col. Gregory Kane said a medical evacuation flight left Haiti for the United States Sunday night, almost five days after the flights were suspended by squabbling over space and

health costs at American public hospitals.

"They have resumed," Kane said. He said he had no details.

The U.S. military had another plane ready to go Monday with a capacity for 15 patients, said the chief medical officer at the University of Miami field hospital in Haiti, Dr. Mike Sheehan.

"We have a list of seven people who would probably die within 48 hours if they don't get out of here," he told The Associated Press.

The White House said it was resuming the military airlift of critically injured earthquake victims after being assured that additional medical capacity exists in U.S. hospitals. The halt of flights on Wednesday worried doctors in Haiti who said hundreds could die without specialized care.

Many public schools reopened Monday for the first time since the Jan. 12 earthquake, but most were still closed even in outlying provinces where damage was minimal. And in the capital, schoolchildren will likely be on the streets for months, government officials warned.

The government said Monday it expected most provincial schools to reopen by Feb. 8 instead of on Monday as anticipated by many families.

Anne Rose Bouget, a primary school teacher in the southwestern city of Les Cayes, said schools reopened there with more students than usual because some 300,000 people, including many schoolchildren, fled Port-au-Prince after the quake.

Also Monday, Haitian officials were trying to determine what to do with 10 U.S. Baptists who were arrested on Friday for trying to take 33 children out of the country without permission from the government.

The church members, most from Idaho, said they were just trying to rescue orphaned victims of the quake, but their action came at a moment of rising concern that quickie adoptions could permanently separate Haitian children from their parents, or expose them to exploitation.

Haiti's communications minister said the government was in talks with U.S. diplomats about sending the Baptists to the U.S. for prosecution because Haiti's court system was crippled by the quake.

Most of Haiti's schools are damaged or destroyed. Many teachers are dead. And the students in starched uniforms and blue hair ribbons who were visions of hope and innocence in Haiti's capital now often live in squalid camps, their dreams and city shattered.

"With everything that has already happened in the past few years the floods, hurricanes, unrest these children cannot afford to lose more time outside school," said Berdadel Perkington, 40, a teacher giving an impromptu math lesson to a group of children outside the collapsed National Palace.

"The children are in shock and they are traumatized, " said Marie-Laurence Jocelin Lassegue, minister of culture and communications. "Some of them have lost their friends, their parents. It's like the end of the world for some of them."

Kent Page, a spokesman for the U.N. children's agency UNICEF, children need to get back to class so they have a sense of normalcy.

"None of us like being out of school," said Ludmia Exiloud, 14, who was walking with a group of her friends at dawn on Monday, when they usually are headed to class. "We miss our studies. There's nothing to do."

But schools reopening them, re-staffing them, restocking them, relocating them are just one of many urgent priorities here. The Ministry of Education its own building destroyed is still assessing damage.

In the long term, UNICEF hopes to boost overall school enrollment. Child welfare groups say just over half of all school-age children in Haiti don't attend school, though even the poorest of

Haitian families try to send at least one child to class hoping they will someday earn enough to support extended family.

For some, though, the quake robbed them of any hope.

"They've cut off my leg," said Billie Flon, 9, a quake amputee who stoically explained that he now needs to beg for money in Petionville, a hilly suburb of Port-au-Prince, to help his family because its house was destroyed. He said he can't think about returning to school now.

Another young boy who had his leg amputated after the earthquake begged on an adjacent corner.

In the camps for earthquake victims, some children try in vain to keep up with their studies.

"I'm reading when I can, but the conditions are very bad so sometimes I read cartoons instead of my school books," said Erika Desire, a 13-year-old whose school was destroyed and who lives in a camp with her mother and sisters. "I want to be a medical technician, but now it's going to take me more time."

During her short life, she estimates she's lost about a year's worth of school four months in 2004 when rebels ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, another month in 2005 because of sickness, two months in 2006 because of tropical storms and three months in floods last year.

The earthquake will force her to lose at least two months more.

High school senior Graham Fleuran, meanwhile, said he is eager to take Senegal up on its offer to relocate.

Senegal's president, Abdoulaye Wade, offered free land to Haitians wishing to return to their African origins. Many of the slaves brought to Haiti came from West Africa. Practical details of how the plan would work have yet to be released.

"My mother died in the earthquake and my father is still missing," said Fleuran, who spoke in precise English and carried a backpack of school books his only possessions.

"Leaving Haiti may give me the best opportunity to get back to my studies. I dream of becoming a lawyer."

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Associated Press Writer Ben Fox contributed to this report from Port-au-Prince.

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| 31761|2010-02-03 09:39:23|Tafari khumbaka|natural selection and the biology of belief|

a. Reduced to basics terms humanbeings are simply the consequence of" collective amoebic consciousness". As a nation reflects the traits of its citizens, our human-ness must reflect the basic nature of our cellular communities.

b. cells genetic memory.

"memory"that will be inherited and propagated by its daughter cells. This amazing feat of genetic engineering is profoundly important becauseit represents an inherent "intelligence" mechanism by which cells evolve.

c. Receptor "antennas" can also read vibrational energy fields such as light, sound, and radio frequencies. The antennas on these energy receptors vibrate like tuning forks. If an energy

vibration in the environment resonates with a receptor antenna, it will alter the proteins charge, causing the receptor to change shape. Because receptors can read energy fields, the notion that only physical molecules can impact cell physiology is outmoded. Biological behavior can be controlled by invisible forces, including thought, as well as it can be controlled by physical molecules like penicillin, a fact that provides the scientific underpinning for pharmaceutical-free energy medicine.

d. The subconscious mind is strictly habitual.

e. If you cant beat placebo pills fairly, simply remove the competition.

f. Your beliefs act like filters on a camera, changing how you see the world. And your biology adapts to those beliefs.

g. AsI concluded in that aha! moment , that every protein in our bodies is a physical/electromagnetic complement to something in the environment. Because we are machines made out of protein, by definition we are made in the image of the environment, that environment being the universe, or to many, God.

h. We have to operate , not in a survival of the fittest manner , but in a way that supports everyone and everything on this planet.

**SURVIVAL OF THE MOST LOVING**

quotes i picked out from a book im reading called:

The biology of belief

by bruce lipton, ph.d.

isbn 978 1 4019 2311 2

Dr. Lipton is a pioneer in fractal biology, eigenetics, and new-biology he is one of a few who is saying that evolution is not a God-less act/accident of random violence without intelligence by way of hard laboratory experimentation (thewesternscientific method).



Tafari-sudra,Khumbaka

| 31762|2010-02-03 11:46:33|cristofori whitakara|Re: polygamy|

Peace Sekhmet. Thanks for that reading as I understand now that potlatching, like the wiki article says was more of distributing wealth between peoples and not what I originally thought.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson

Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com

Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:56 PM

Cristofoti,

I copied the Wiki explanation of "potlatch" among Native Americans, and as I thought it was just a gift-giving and tribal dance ceremony.... nothing to do with marriage or multiple partners.

Unless you have some other information I am not aware, please share with the forum...thanks. -  
Sekhmet

Potlatch from Wikipedia -

Before the arrival of the Europeans, gifts included storable food ([oolichan](#) [candle fish] oil or dried food), [canoes](#), and [slaves](#) among the very wealthy, but otherwise not income-generating

assets such as resource rights. The influx of manufactured trade goods such as blankets and sheet copper into the Pacific Northwest caused inflation in the potlatch in the late eighteenth and earlier nineteenth centuries. Some groups, such as the [Kwakwaka'wakw](#), used the potlatch as an arena in which highly competitive contests of status took place. In some cases, goods were actually destroyed after being received, or instead of being given away. The catastrophic mortalities due to introduced diseases laid many inherited ranks vacant or open to remote or dubious claim providing they could be validated with a suitable potlatch.<sup>[7]</sup> The potlatch was a cultural practice much studied by ethnographers. Sponsors of a potlatch give away many useful items such as food, blankets, worked ornamental mediums of exchange called "coppers", and many other various items. In return, they earned prestige. To give a potlatch enhanced one's reputation and validated social rank, the rank and requisite potlatch being proportional, both for the host and for the recipients by the gifts exchanged. Prestige increased with the lavishness of the potlatch, the value of the goods given away in it.

## [\[edit\]](#) Potlatch ban

Potlatching was made illegal in Canada in 1885<sup>[8]</sup> and the United States in the late nineteenth century, largely at the urging of missionaries and government agents who considered it "a worse than useless custom" that was seen as wasteful, unproductive which was not part of "civilized" values.<sup>[9]</sup>

The potlatch was seen as a key target in assimilation policies and agendas. Missionary William Duncan wrote in 1875 that the potlatch was "by far the most formidable of all obstacles in the way of Indians becoming Christians, or even civilized."<sup>[10]</sup> Thus in 1885, the [Indian Act](#) was revised to include clauses [banning the potlatch](#) and making it illegal to practice. The official legislation read,

"Every Indian or other person who engages in or assists in celebrating the Indian festival known as the "Potlatch" or the Indian dance known as the "Tamanawas" is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not more than six nor less than two months in a jail or other place of confinement; and, any Indian or other person who encourages, either directly or indirectly an Indian or Indians to get up such a festival or dance, or to celebrate the same, or who shall assist in the celebration of same is guilty of a like offence, and shall be liable to the same punishment."

<sup>[[citation needed](#)]</sup>

Eventually it became amended to be more inclusive as earlier discharged on technicalities. Legislation was then expanded to include guests who participated in the ceremony. The indigenous people were too large to police, and enforce. Duncan Campbell Scott convinced Parliament to change the offense from criminal to summary, which meant 'the agents, as justice of the peace, could try a case, convict, and sentence.'<sup>[11]</sup>

## [\[edit\]](#) Continuation

Sustaining the customs and culture of their ancestors, indigenous people now openly hold potlatch to commit to the restoring of their ancestors' ways. Potlatch now occur frequently and increasingly more over the years as families reclaim their birthright. The ban was only repealed



in 1951.<sup>[[citation](#)]</sup>

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, cristofori whitakara** wrote:

From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 12:47 PM

what about American Indians' "potlatch" and African dowry system?

--- On **Sat, 1/9/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 9, 2010, 11:36 PM

the idea of affording women is an arab/western concept , and not an african standard.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 4:32 PM

Hello Tafari,

while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/should not engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have done it time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, only for the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahooogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/egyptianvoodoo/2010/01/07/polygamy-should-we-shouldnt-we>  
click above



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

| 31763|2010-02-03 13:38:03|Alex van Deelen|The kidnapping of Haiti - John Pilger in The New Statesman|

<http://www.newstatesman.com/international-politics/2010/02/haiti-pilger-obama-venezuela>

The kidnapping of Haiti

John Pilger

Published 28 January 2010

With US troops in control of their country, the outlook for the people of Haiti is bleak

The theft of Haiti has been swift and crude. On 22 January, the United States secured "formal approval" from the United Nations to take over all air and sea ports in Haiti, and to "secure" roads. No Haitian signed the agreement, which has no basis in law. Power rules in a US naval blockade and the arrival of 13,000 marines, special forces, spooks and mercenaries, none with humanitarian relief training.

The airport in the capital, Port-au-Prince, is now a US military base and relief flights have been rerouted to the Dominican Republic. All flights stopped for three hours for the arrival of Hillary Clinton. Critically injured Haitians waited unaided as 800 American residents in Haiti were fed, watered and evacuated. Six days passed before the US air force dropped bottled water to people suffering dehydration.

A very American coup

The first TV reports played a critical role, giving the impression of widespread criminal mayhem. Matt Frei, the BBC reporter despatched from Washington, seemed on the point of hyperventilating as he brayed about the "violence" and need for "security". In spite of the demonstrable dignity of the earthquake victims, and evidence of citizens' groups toiling unaided to rescue people, and even a US general's assessment that the violence in Haiti was considerably less than before the earthquake, Frei claimed that "looting

is the only industry" and "the dignity of Haiti's past is long forgotten".

Thus, a history of unerring US violence and exploitation in Haiti was consigned to the victims. "There's no doubt," reported Frei in the aftermath of America's bloody invasion of Iraq in 2003, "that the desire to bring good, to bring American values to the rest of the world, and especially now to the Middle East . . . is now increasingly tied up with military power."

In a sense, he was right. Never before in so-called peacetime have human relations been as militarised by rapacious power. Never before has an American president subordinated his government to the military establishment of his discredited predecessor, as Barack Obama has done. In pursuing George W Bush's policy of war and domination, Obama has sought from Congress an unprecedented military budget in excess of \$700bn. He has become, in effect, the spokesman for a military coup.

For the people of Haiti the implications are clear, if grotesque. With US troops in control of their country, Obama has appointed Bush to the "relief effort": a parody lifted from Graham Greene's *The Comedians*, set in Papa Doc's Haiti. Bush's relief effort following Hurricane Katrina in 2005 amounted to an ethnic cleansing of many of New Orleans's black population. In 2004, he ordered the kidnapping of the democratically elected president of Haiti, Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and exiled him to Africa. The popular Aristide had had the temerity to legislate modest reforms, such as a minimum wage for those who toil in Haiti's sweatshops.

When I was last in Haiti, I watched very young girls stooped in front of whirring, hissing binding machines at the Superior baseball plant in Port-au-Prince. Many had swollen eyes and lacerated arms. I produced a camera and was thrown out. Haiti is where America makes the equipment for its hallowed national game, for next to nothing. Haiti is where Walt Disney contractors make Mickey Mouse pyjamas, for next to nothing. The US controls Haiti's sugar, bauxite and sisal. Rice-growing was replaced by imported American rice, driving people into the town and jerry-built housing. Year after year, Haiti was invaded by US marines, infamous for atrocities that have been their speciality from the Philippines to Afghanistan. Bill Clinton is another comedian, having got himself appointed the UN's man in Haiti. Once fawned upon by the BBC as "Mr Nice Guy . . . bringing democracy back to a sad and troubled land", Clinton is Haiti's most notorious privateer, demanding deregulation that benefits the sweatshop barons. Lately, he has been promoting a \$55m deal to turn the north of Haiti into an American-annexed "tourist playground".

Not for tourists is the US building its fifth-biggest embassy. Oil was found in Haiti's waters decades ago and the US has kept it in reserve until the Middle East begins to run dry. More urgently, an occupied Haiti has a

strategic importance in Washington's "rollback" plans for Latin America. The goal is the overthrow of the popular democracies in Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador, control of Venezuela's abundant petroleum reserves, and sabotage of the growing regional co-operation long denied by US-sponsored regimes.

Obama's next war?

The first rollback success came last year with the coup against the Honduran president Josaphanuel Zelaya, who also dared advocate a minimum wage and that the rich pay tax. Obama's secret support for the illegal regime in Honduras carries a clear warning to vulnerable governments in central America. Last October, the regime in Colombia, long bankrolled by Washington and supported by death squads, handed the Americans seven military bases to "combat anti-US governments in the region".

Media propaganda has laid the ground for what may well be Obama's next war. In December, researchers at the University of the West of England published first findings of a ten-year study of BBC reporting on Venezuela. Of 304 BBC reports, only three mentioned any of the historic reforms of Hugo Ch'z's government, while the majority denigrated his extraordinary democratic record, at one point comparing him to Hitler.

Such distortion and servitude to western power are rife across the Anglo-American media. People who struggle for a better life, or for life itself, from Venezuela to Honduras to Haiti, deserve our support.

| 31764|2010-02-04 14:08:22|nubianstaff|30,000 votes so far on President Obama's year one BLACK report card!

<http://www.blackconsciousness.com/nubianvoting.html>

If you have a friend or a family member that does not have a computer, please tell them "what's up" and let them vote on your computer. We need those votes. More of our people are "politically" involved than ever before. We need to stay conscious and become more politically literate if we are to set any goals for the future. We have every right to make observations and to have expectations. We must organize around common goals and debate our agendas. Keep our lobbyist on point.

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Peace Out,

Sistar Sekmet

| 31765|2010-02-04 14:08:29|sekhmet Johnson|Re: radio interview|

"...kids coming by to get private schooling from Black...."

Hebrew, hold on while I ROTFL!!! Not "no"....Heck NAW!!

Why would they seek out a black teacher anyway? Their "dad" was focused on erasing every inch of his own "blackness" IMNSHO.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Tue, 2/2/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] radio interview

To: "Shelby A. Williams Jr."

Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 7:10 PM

Could you imagine MJJ kids coming by to get  
private schooling from Black free-thinkers?

----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Michael Jackson The Trial and Triumph of the King of Pop

**To:** hebrew77@yahoo. com

**Sent:** Tue, February 2, 2010 6:22:44 PM

**Subject:** radio interview

Feb 3, 2009 12:45 pm EST

[www.dherbs.com](http://www.dherbs.com)

| 31766|2010-02-04 14:08:29|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Haitians. People Like Anybody Else!|

"Again, we are more in agreement....I know enough of history to be distrustful of military motives....also a political agenda...."

Right Peter, I concur....but my statement is more for others that take military involvement out of context with regard to them responding to natural disasters.

History regarding the military and politics, is usually about military leaders who are also regarded as either a politician or future political leader....the original "boys club" IMO. And "yes", I know there are females in the military and in politics....always have been. But some forums ONLY consider the military as an "invasion force" coming to take over the country. They said the same thing with Katrina evacuees, NO military under any circumstances and I was just shaking my head at how stupid that was when the Navy was right there.

Maybe I wasn't clear enough when I made the suggestion before....I don't know.

Sekhmet

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--- On **Wed, 2/3/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitians. People Like Anybody Else!  
To: "Sekhmet Johnson"  
Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 8:55 AM

Sekhmet,

Again, we are more in agreement than disagreement.

I always qualify my scepticism of such military interventions with the word, IF. Thus, IF their intention is to restore order and facilitate quick recovery, then I'm all for it. However, I know enough of history to be distrustful of military motives. Frankly, there is seldom ever NOT also a political agenda operating in parallel with military action.

Peter

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Date: Tue, 2 Feb 2010 13:24:34 -0800  
From: pookynem2@yahoo.com  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitians. People Like Anybody Else!  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail.com; wiseladyowl@yahoo.com

"...(no)...surprise,...putting security first...."

Peter, it is not a surprise to me as I am a military brat, and know the training (and sacrifices) military staff make in peacetime. So I will keep repeating it for the "Haiti Haters" and ANTI-American/ANTI-Western wingnuts that blame any and everything on the "evil West" while turning a blind eye to the B S their own people and leaders pull....

**The MILITARY of any government is better trained, has more of the right equipment and staff to INITIALLY address any natural disaster and even some "man made disasters".**

Of course it takes time to move all of the equipment and staff into position, but the biggest problem was the RUMOR MONGERS DEBATING whether or not the military was "invading" for the future take-over of Haiti by the usual talking heads. Then it was, Obama waited three days....TOTAL LIE....because the masses had NO WAY to get ANY NEWS AT ALL....local or foreign, but some church had a private chopper that flew in and dropped food/water creating the fighting on the ground for a "photo-op" of how "uncivilized" Haitians are anyway.

Don't mention the capitol building, hospitals, churches, clinics, prison and police stations WITH PEOPLE IN THEM also collapsed, just show the pics of them "out of control" by design by the (?) good christians in the chopper (used a small "c" out of respect for the REAL Christians who were just as embarrassed by that idjut stunt!!!)

Also, the media is a NECESSARY EVIL in any country, but sometimes.....

Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Tue, 2/2/10, Peter Gray** wrote:

From: Peter Gray  
Subject: RE: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitians. People Like Anybody Else!  
To: "Marc Washington"  
Date: Tuesday, February 2, 2010, 10:33 AM

It shouldn't be a surprise, though. that the US is putting "security" first and the alleviation of suffering second. This is a golden opportunity to "secure" Haiti(in the eyes of some).

Peter

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To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
CC: atenergy@hotmail. com; wiseladyowl@ yahoo.com  
From: pookynem2@yahoo. com  
Date: Mon, 1 Feb 2010 16:00:22 -0800  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Re: Haitians. People Like Anybody Else!

Man, oh man ((shaking my head)).....maybe THAT is what he meant by "christian charity" to non-Europeans then he spit on the ground. While I am still grateful for the global response to the victims in Haiti, some individuals/ groups always tend to undermine the best efforts and PLAY-INTO the global community and their ANTI-American attitude, putting sincere volunteers, like myself and others, in serious jeopardy simply because we are Americans too!.

Well, guess I'd better put on my "personal insult shield" and reinforce it....again. The exact same happy crappy happened after Obama was elected POTUS, and the whole world had a change of mind about the USA electing a black man, until..... . -Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

## **We are Haitians. We are Like People Like Anybody Else**

by Lenore Daniels

*"The past is never dead-it's not even past."*

-- William Faulkner

From the ground, people hear the sound of helicopters above. Twenty Black Hawk helicopters circling the airport!

Water! Food! Medical supplies!

The people wait as the helicopters of the 82nd Airborne division land and hundreds of U.S. paratroopers become visible. But the paratroopers are in combat gear and armed with automatic machine guns.

There they're at the General Hospital and the Palace.

Water! Food! Medical supplies!

SECURITY!

No food or water or medical supplies until Haiti is SECURE! The U.S. announces that over 2,000 paratroopers will be followed by 8,000 more heavily armed U.S. Marines. Almost two weeks since the earthquake hit Haiti, whole communities have yet to receive water, food, or medical attention. But the whole world watched the U.S. show of power:

Watch and listen Cuba, Venezuela, and Bolivia-Haiti belongs to the U.S.!

This is Haiti several days after the January 12, 2010 earthquake hit Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas. Over 2 million Haitians are starving. Hundreds are dying from lack of medical attention. It's estimated that over 200,000 Haitians died as a direct result of the 7.3 earthquake.

But the U.S. thinks as an Empire thinks! It thinks militarization, invasion, occupation, corporatization, privatization- more resources and an expanded labor base. It thinks: HAITI NEEDS TO BE SECURE. Is it really a surprise that the U.S. command at the airport in Haiti 3 times turned away 5 Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) planes carrying 12 tons of much needed medical supplies? Can we expect anything else from such an entity? Haiti needs to be saved from U.S. militarized security!

But Peace Man announces his priority: to search and to rescue US Embassy personnel! The people of Haiti can wait and wait and wait. But do keep this in mind Cuba, Venezuela, Bolivia-and, oh, yes, you Haitians-the U.S. will be there for you! "We will be resolute in our response, and I pledge to the people of Haiti that you will have a friend and partner in the United States of America today and going forward."

"Going forward" only means that Amerikkka has its target set on the poor and working class of Haiti.

On January 12, 2010, shortly after sundown, news reached the world that the epicenter of an earthquake hit Port-au-Prince and surrounding areas. And the world watched as the Haitian people called for immediate response to its plea for assistance to rescue those trapped under the rubble of concrete. Days later, gun-toting paratroopers land with more epaulettes of American flags than rescue equipment or water and food.

Then another announcement from the U.S. Cameras please! Out walk three virtuous warriors posing before the television cameras and photographers while speaking of peace and the humanitarian greatness that is Amerikkka! Smile! Peace Man, Bush Jr. and Bill Clinton shake hands.

The economic plan for Haiti isn't about empowering the Haitians and leaving the country to its popular democratic party Lavalas. Before the earthquake, the



Lavalas leadership had been imprisoned or in hiding. The economic plan came with an AGENDA. According to independent journalist Kevin Pina, "a wholesale campaign of violence [was] waged against Lavalas... [yet it was]...largely maintained through the silence of human rights organizations and the international press."

The economic plan isn't about rights for workers, higher wages for workers, and the nationalization rather than privatization of Haiti's industries. Aristide tried to do this work for the majority of Haitians and look how the U.S. responded! He was an evil monster and Levalas was a lawless mob of militants-albeit representing the Haitian majority!

The economic plan calls for Haitians to submit to the U.S.'s political and economic agenda to see Haiti one big sweatshop operation, too weary to organize through Lavalas to demand a return of Aristide and Haitian sovereignty. As Ezili Danto writes in his article, "Haiti, Genocide and the New Slavery Model," for Pacific Free Press. Com, 70 percent of Haiti's working class earn 22 cents (70 gourdes) an hour, and they are "forced to pay the Haitian Oligarchs for food to eat at high U.S. import prices, starvation is a given. It's economic slavery. The slavery in Haiti the media won't expose."

But they will show the world looting when people are trying to eat something after almost two weeks of starving!

The dead of this earthquake didn't die in vain.

Look, they said.

And there's a camera to see and show the world how the U.S. security and economic plan comes together to humiliate the Haitian people.

Follow the trail of the dead...

Amidst the "overwhelming" smell of the dead, independent journalist Amy Goodman of Democracy Now! and her camera person catches a view of a helicopter that had landed but proceeded to take off again. Goodman and her crew stopped in L 𐀀𐀀 to speak to a group of citizens and the mayor when the helicopter begins to drop one package of bread at a time over the area.

"Instead of delivering food when it was on the ground," she said, "where hundreds of people had gathered, it lifted off, circled overhead, and dropped bags of bread on the hungry people below."

The people are rightly furious. One Leogane man steps in front of the camera: "The other countries in the same situation as us, when there's an aid that comes, they don't do that. They don't humiliate people like that. We are Haitians. We are like people like anybody else. Even though we're in a bad situation now, those countries are supposed to have another way to treat us."

"The helicopter came down to the ground, landed, and they should have given to the responsible on the ground to distribute to the rest of the people here, and not when they go back up in the air, throw the bread out like they were throwing bones to dogs." (translated) .

Another man approaches the camera:

"We are very frustrated with the way they drop these little breads, throw them down to the population, like it's bones they're throwing to dogs."

Goodman asks about the helicopter. Who owns it? "Who was it in those

helicopters? "

Mayor Santos Alexis answers: "It's a private plane from New Mission. New Mission is an institution of United States. You know, it's a church."

A church! A U.S. church! New Mission-so much like the old, grand Amerikkkan humanitarian missions to save the uncivilized, the dead say.

Something happened a long time ago in this New World. Europeans escaping the corruption and devastation of their home lands crossed the Atlantic bringing with them an abhorrence of racial difference. In the wilderness, they swore an allegiance to the survival of the Aryan race. This they called-progress.

But the Haitians never learned to fear the U.S. and Western world's characterization of them as intolerable anomalies.

Boukman rising!

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| 31767|2010-02-04 14:08:30|Lamar Perryman|Re: polygamy|

It seems to me that many peoples approaching the issue of polygamy from the point of view of Eurocentric, Indocentric and Orientalists teachings as well as from our own habits, customs, conditionings, fears, ignorances, mistakes and programmings due to the facts that we have been raised in societies that are not pure afrocentric to begin with.

As such we have been raised under political, religious, patriarchal and cultural beliefs, practices and social realities that were not a part of the African Mind and Natural Practices at all when it came down to social relationships between men and women. This includes the psychological, biological, material, economic, spirituality and the sexual relationships between the two.

In our present state and conditions I agree with The Women that Monogamy is best for us right now. However that still does not answer the questions of polygamy in all the purely Afrocentric/Black societies.

I will not write long now because I address this issue with some other subject-matters in the future. However I will state some certain facts for all to consider when talking about original polygamy in the original indigenous societies. Let us keep in mind that our Ancestors were successful at both polygamy and monogamy and monotheism and polytheism, period.!!!

To begin with for My Sisters, The practices and customs of Polygamy and its role in African Societies were Set by Women Themselves.!!! It was a integral practice of the African Amazon/Matriarchal Societies all over the place. This is so true that even foreigners and patriarchal researchers have to admit the equality and eminence of Africa's Matriarchal

Queendoms and their complexes.

1. Family Units :The Ancestors were the first to have SEX and knew just what they were doing. The child born into a natural polygamic family had three parents instead of one; There were three teachers, breadwinners and educators in all things instead of just one in addition to The Village Raising The Children Too.!!!

2. Sex Based On The Female Cycle : The Ancestors understood that the female population was more than males and this was the way of balancing off the larger issue of the management of society as a whole. The different cycles of the female due to nature itself was an excellent opportunity to provide for and regulate this important human function and the effects of it.!!!

3. Sex was based on Sciences and Chemistry: Not Lusts, Usuries, Slaveries and all that. Chemistry ( real science) played a role in determining suitable and successful partners from the beginning especially when everyone knew the same thing as far as science, spirituality, psychology, industry,the arts, politics,culture, civilization and so on. This is what prevented whoredoms, prostitutions, hustlings, conflicts, domestic violences, abuses, Adulteries, Infidelities and so on.

4. There Was No Harem/Whoredom: The Ancestors knew that One or Only Two Women were allowed for a Single Male Prominent or Not. Again relationships were based on psychology, chemistry, bi-polarity etc. Not lusts, blind emotions and the likes. Such could not rule a person or society in the Ancestors view.!!!

No man had three to twenty women. This is some Communist, Islamic, Roman, Hindu, Strongman, Street Ganglord messes that with these lesser-developed societies and their peoples have become common and then taken for granted as that's the way its always been and blacks are affected by it too. Especially the Negro-Negress mentality but that is another story for now. The Communist-Totalitarian Negro made mistakes in Africa before the White or Indian Man came there too but that is another story for now.!!!

These are just a FEW of the reasons that polygamy as well as monogamy was practiced and regulated successfully by the Ancestors in theFidel Unions known as Marriage.!!!

These concepts and practices are unheard of in Euro-Indo-orient based societies as a real or complete system.!!! Enslavement of the female and her sexuality has been the norm the foreign societies as well as by the Communistic-Totalitarian Negro.

Black Men and Women today are totally out of African Culture and Patriarchy as well as Monogamic Marriages in these societies has been a form of Slaveries and Bondages for BOTH the males and females although I see why the Sisters say polygamy benefits the males under the imperialist systems.!

This shows the Evolutions and Devolutions of The African Man and Woman over tens of thousands of years along with the foreign contacts. The Ancestors PRIMARY purpose for having SEX was to Produce Advanced Peoples Who Produced Advanced Civilizations With The Knowledge and Practice To Maintian Them and Thereby EVOLVE HUMANITY, THE HUMAN RACE AND SPECIES ITSELF.!

The knowledge to do this was ofMetaphysics and Physics including spirituality, chemistry, biology, nature, psychology, the human body, the brain and nervous system, neurology, nutrition, agriculture, healthcare, the land and so much more.

That is all for now.

MLP.,

Phr. Israel Baal-Heru.

--- On **Wed, 2/3/10, cristofori whitakara** wrote:

From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups.com  
Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 7:46 PM

Peace Sekhmet. Thanks for that reading as I understand now that potlatching, like the wiki article says was more of distributing wealth between peoples and not what I originally thought.

--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 5:56 PM

Cristofoti,

I copied the Wiki explanation of "potlatch" among Native Americans, and as I thought it was just a gift-giving and tribal dance ceremony.... nothing to do with marriage or multiple partners. Unless you have some other information I am not aware, please share with the forum...thanks. - Sekhmet

Potlatch from Wikipedia -

Before the arrival of the Europeans, gifts included storable food ([oolichan](#) [candle fish] oil or dried food), [canoes](#), and [slaves](#) among the very wealthy, but otherwise not income-generating assets such as resource rights. The influx of manufactured trade goods such as blankets and sheet copper into the Pacific Northwest caused inflation in the potlatch in the late eighteenth and earlier nineteenth centuries. Some groups, such as the [Kwakwaka'wakw](#), used the potlatch as an arena in which highly competitive contests of status took place. In some cases, goods were actually destroyed after being received, or instead of being given away. The catastrophic mortalities due to introduced diseases laid many inherited ranks vacant or open to remote or dubious claimproviding they could be validatedwith a suitable potlatch.<sup>[7]</sup>

The potlatch was a cultural practice much studied by ethnographers. Sponsors of a potlatch give away many useful items such as food, blankets, worked ornamental mediums of exchange called "coppers", and many other various items. In return, they earned prestige. To give a potlatch enhanced one's reputation and validated social rank, the rank and requisite potlatch being proportional, both for the host and for the recipients by the gifts exchanged. Prestige increased with the lavishness of the potlatch, the value of the goods given away in it.

## **[\[edit\]](#) Potlatch ban**

Potlatching was made illegal in Canada in 1885<sup>[8]</sup> and the United States in the late nineteenth century, largely at the urging of missionaries and government agents who considered it "a worse

than useless custom" that was seen as wasteful, unproductive which was not part of "civilized" values.<sup>[9]</sup>

The potlatch was seen as a key target in assimilation policies and agendas. Missionary William Duncan wrote in 1875 that the potlatch was "by far the most formidable of all obstacles in the way of Indians becoming Christians, or even civilized."<sup>[10]</sup> Thus in 1885, the [Indian Act](#) was revised to include clauses [banning the potlatch](#) and making it illegal to practice. The official legislation read,

"Every Indian or other person who engages in or assists in celebrating the Indian festival known as the "Potlatch" or the Indian dance known as the "Tamanawas" is guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not more than six nor less than two months in a jail or other place of confinement; and, any Indian or other person who encourages, either directly or indirectly an Indian or Indians to get up such a festival or dance, or to celebrate the same, or who shall assist in the celebration of same is guilty of a like offence, and shall be liable to the same punishment."

[\[citation needed\]](#)

Eventually it became amended to be more inclusive as earlier discharged on technicalities. Legislation was then expanded to include guests who participated in the ceremony. The indigenous people were too large to police, and enforce. Duncan Campbell Scott convinced Parliament to change the offense from criminal to summary, which meant 'the agents, as justice of the peace, could try a case, convict, and sentence.'<sup>[11]</sup>

## [\[edit\]](#) Continuation

Sustaining the customs and culture of their ancestors, indigenous people now openly hold potlatch to commit to the restoring of their ancestors' ways. Potlatch now occur frequently and increasingly more over the years as families reclaim their birthright. The ban was only repealed in 1951.<sup>[\[citation\]](#)</sup>

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--- On **Mon, 1/11/10, cristofori whitakara** wrote:

From: cristofori whitakara  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Monday, January 11, 2010, 12:47 PM

what about American Indians' "potlatch" and African dowry system?

--- On **Sat, 1/9/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy

To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Saturday, January 9, 2010, 11:36 PM

the idea of affording women is an arab/western concept , and not an african standard.



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

--- On **Fri, 1/8/10, sekhmet Johnson** wrote:

From: sekhmet Johnson  
Subject: Re: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: Ta\_Seti@yahoogroups .com  
Date: Friday, January 8, 2010, 4:32 PM

Hello Tafari,  
while I can't listen to the discussion, if I could vote whether black people should/should not engage in polygamy in the U.S. I would have to vote "NO"..Even though men have done it since time began...legal or not, without regard to their religion...that relationship system, only favors the man and that is whether he can afford more than one wife or not.  
Sekhmet

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Martin Luther King, Jr.

--- On **Thu, 1/7/10, Tafari khumbaka** wrote:

From: Tafari khumbaka  
Subject: [Ta\_Seti] polygamy  
To: maatcollective@ yahoogroups. com  
Date: Thursday, January 7, 2010, 10:10 PM

<http://www.blogtalk radio.com/ egyptianvoodoo pri est/2010/ 01/07/polygamy- should-we- shouldnt- we>  
click above



Tafari-sudra, Khumbaka

| 31768|2010-02-04 14:08:30|Shu Tefnut|Fw: DrHawass.com - Photoblog Feed|

--- On **Wed, 2/3/10, DrHawass.com - Photoblog Feed** wrote:

From: DrHawass.com - Photoblog Feed  
Subject: DrHawass.com - Photoblog Feed  
To: shutefnut@yahoo.com  
Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 12:13 AM

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### Amarna Boundary Stela

Posted: 02 Feb 2010 05:51 AM PST



A boundary stela at Amarna, depicting the pharaoh Akhenaten and his wife Nefertiti worshipping the Aten sun disk. Amarna was the capital founded by the pharaoh Akhenaten in the 18<sup>th</sup> Dynasty. There were originally 15 boundary stelae marking the limits of the city, which contain inscriptions of proclamations of the king. These stelae are an important source of information about this short-lived city and its place in this enigmatic part of Egyptian history. (Photo: Ken Garrett)



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| 31769|2010-02-04 14:08:33|sekhmet Johnson|Re: Yahoo! Shine - Vanity Fair's "New Hollywood" issue completely la

Hebrew, what women did you expect to bring up the lack of non-white women in the pics? They are all young, and "hollywood" indeed the entire entertainment industry is about good-looking YOUNG people....none of them seem to be culturally, historically or even intellectually very bright. But they do know that it is BUSINESS, and pretty cut-throat at that....trust me, they will backstab each other to achieve success in the business....btdt.

When I want to see beautiful young black females, I buy Essence, Jet or Ebony (currently teetering on bankruptcy and lack of black writers)...."O Magazine" is a bit pricey, but I do like their articles and they are "diverse" enough for me. I copied the article below..... -Sekhmet

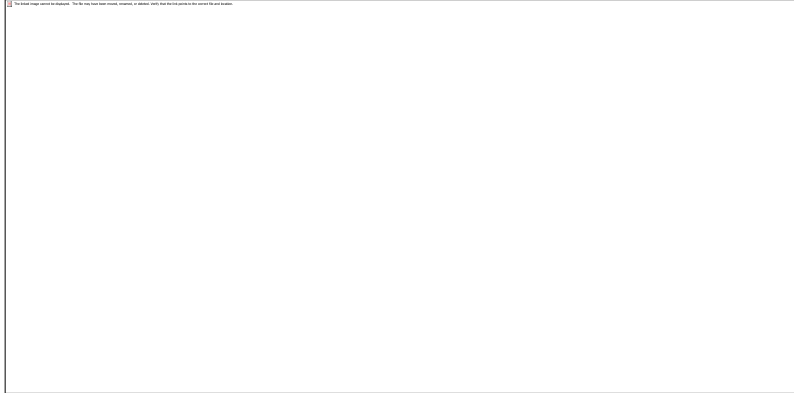
## Vanity Fair's "New Hollywood" issue

# completely lacks diversity



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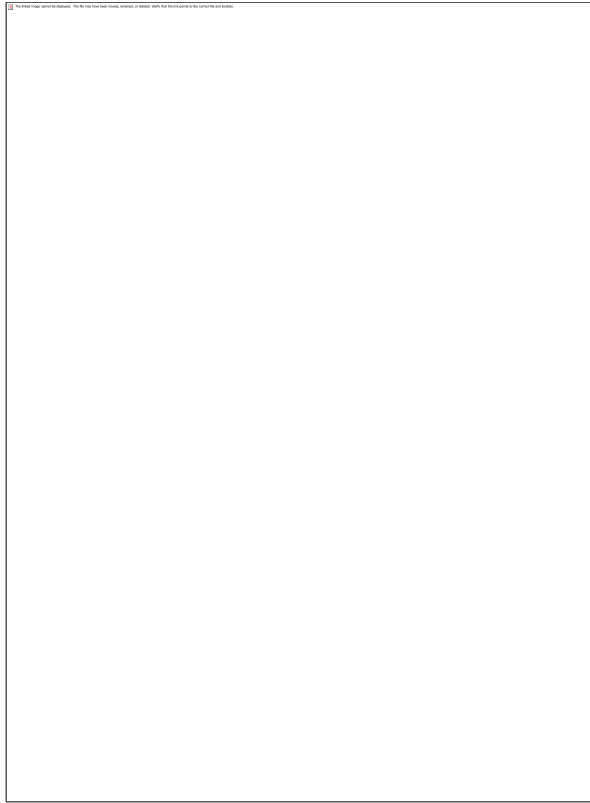
- by [Joanna Douglas, Shine Staff](#), on Tue Feb 2, 2010 10:16am PST



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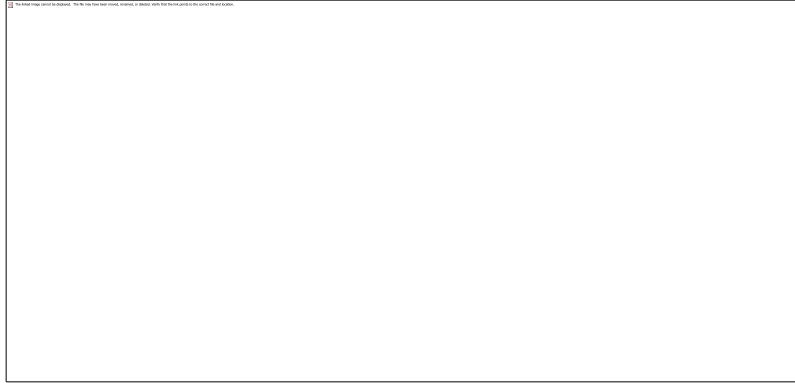
One thing magazines love to do is call dibs on who will be the new "It" celebrities in the year to come. Sometimes they pick stars whose careers are destined to take off, occasionally they make incredible calls with near-nobodies who later become A-listers, and usually the majority of their picks fade into oblivion. While we'd like to think celeb bible Vanity Fair puts a great deal of thought and planning into its annual "New Hollywood" issue, this year the editors really limited their scope when it came to choosing the next big stars. (Or perhaps they overemphasized the "Fair"? ) Every woman on its new cover is extremely thin and very, very white. Unless Vanity Fair considers one redhead to be diversity, we feel the need to cry foul.





### Vanity Fair, August 2008

The cover of the March issue features Abbie Cornish, Kristen Stewart, Carey Mulligan, Amanda Seyfried, Rebecca Hall, Mia Wasikowska, Emma Stone, Evan Rachel Wood, and Anna Kendrick. Many, if not all of these women have good reason to grace the Vanity Fair cover, and to be a part of what they have dubbed "the fresh faces of 2010." Evan Rachel Wood has garnered critical acclaim since her Golden Globe-nominated performance in 2003's "Thirteen" as well as loads of media attention from her highly publicized romance with rocker Marilyn Manson. Kristen Stewart was catapulted to fame by the mega-successful "Twilight" franchise and will star as Joan Jett in the upcoming film, "The Runaways," while Amanda Seyfried's career was put in motion after her role in 2008's "Mamma Mia!" But WAIT: Vanity Fair *already* had both Stewart and Seyfried on an August 2008 cover touting "Hollywood's New Wave." And this was also a white-girl-only cover. Were there no promising young actors of color who could have been featured in either issue?



## Vanity Fair

We can think of a slew of non-white, non-rail thin actors who made a splash this year (Gabourey Sidibe from "Precious" anyone?). In the accompanying article, Vanity Fair writer Evgenia Peretz calls out the young cover stars by their best attributes: "downy-soft cheeks," "button nose," "patrician looks and celebrated pedigree," "dewy, wide-eyed loveliness," "Ivory-soap-girl features." Roles for black, Asian, and Latin actors are scarce in Hollywood, but surely Sidibe, Zoe Saldana of "Avatar" and "Star Trek," and Freida Pinto of "Slumdog Millionaire" are having their moment. Vanity Fair may have been looking for the most promising batch of talent for their issue, but they should have been looking for a diverse group of women as well.

We reached out to Vanity Fair for comment, but as of publishing time they did not respond.

--- On **Wed, 2/3/10, hebrew b'yisrael** wrote:

From: hebrew b'yisrael

Subject: [Ta\_Seti] Yahoo! Shine - Vanity Fair's "New Hollywood" issue completely lacks diversity

To: "Denise van Esche"

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 7:03 AM

Denise,

I thought the "New Young Hollywood" was more in-tune with reality? I wonder why these women did not even think to bring it up during the shoot?

Well, time for your content, sisters!

later,

'brew

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**From:** "hebrew77@yahoo. com"

**To:**

**Cc:** hebrew77@yahoo. com

**Sent:** Wed, February 3, 2010 7:28:13 AM

**Subject:** Yahoo! Shine - Vanity Fair's "New Hollywood" issue completely lacks diversity

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**Personal message:**

I saw this blog post on Yahoo! Shine and thought that you might be interested -- this should make for good EEOC chatter? H-

*Vanity Fair's "New Hollywood" issue completely lacks diversity - Fashion + Beauty on Shine*

<http://shine.yahoo.com/channel/beauty/vanity-fair-amp-39-s-amp-quot-new-hollywood-amp-quot-issue-completely-lacks-diversity-578862/>

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**Yahoo! Shine**

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| 31770|2010-02-04 14:08:40|hebrew b'yisrael|Re: [edo-nationality] Was Jesus Christ a Negro?)  
Why?: A White Jesus|

**IN THE MOST HOLY & PERFECT NAME OF YAHWEH**

**Shalom Chief;**

**The Prophets of the Torah // TNK were all as BLACK AS  
COAL TAR OR BLUE MIDNIGHT BLACK OR JET BLACK!**

**Yah'shuah was purple BLUE BLACK!**

**It was not until much later after the Greco-Roman  
invasion and race mixing the Ancient Black Hebrews  
began to look anything near what most people related to  
when you say "Jew" from Europe .**

**The Garden of Eden home of our dear Father Prophet Adam  
& Eve and his other "rebellious first wife" Lilith is**

clearly in what is called "BLACK AFRICA"! The Tree of Life & other healthy fruit bearing trees are home in what is called BLACK AFRICA! King Solomon mines are in what is called BLACK AFRICA! The Prophets of the TNK all took many wives from BLACK AFRICA!!!!

One our Chief Priest Ezra, who remains are still intact in what is called Iraq today, has been determined by DNA & forensic studies that he was SUPER JET BLACK MAN OF EXTREMELY DARK HUE & TINT AND HAD PERFECTLY WHITE & STRAIGHT TEETH AND NO BROKEN BONES! He is the only Prophet of the TNK recorded to have been raised along with donkey by Yahweh himself from the dead 110 years exactly from his first death & allowed to roam the Earth for a number of 7 years until his final rest . This all happened over 1100 years before Yahsuah Until this day, there are strange happenings around his tomb in Iraq, which has become common place among locals but has struck fear in the U. S. soldiers walking around or near his tomb! The white man's science cannot explain these anomalous events around his tomb @ all! This tomb // shrine is very dear to Christians, Muslims both Shia & Sunni, & Jews.

Most of our dear Brothers & Sisters on the Motherland have been held captive by the White man's teachings & understanding of the TNK // Torah for far too long AND have had their kindness taken full advantage. His religion told Africans to close their eyes & pray to a "spook" g\*d whilst we take all under your feet AND not to worry for your treasures are stored up in some make-believe heaven with some white g\*d sitting on a throne of mercy AND you are throw yourself down & kiss his pretty white feet so you can get in the those pearly gates!

YOU HAVE BEEN DECEIVED & LIED TO BY ALL ORGANIZED RELIGIONS -- CHRISTIANS, JEWS, & ARABS! ALL THEY WANTED WAS YOUR TRADE ROUTES, PORTS, RESOURCES, & YOUR SOUL!

And your leaders, elders, scholars, & wise men sold you out long ago for a cheap bowl of potted soup! Check out the prophecies on this -- you never guess it was talking about you because the white Sunday school teacher never taught you to look @ those lessons that way! Keep your eye on the starry crown & the old rugged cross & just wish all your troubles away! Meanwhile, Europe built herself up on the backs of Blacks & their mineral wealth for over 600 years!

SUCKERS, CHUMPS, FOOLS, DUMMIES, & PUNKS they must be thinking of Black folks!

Shalom,

bro. hebrew

| 31771|2010-02-04 14:08:46|hebrew b'yisrael|Watch this video showing how the banks are really getting over!|

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01sddqnMMjw>

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To my Real Estate Gurus,

Check 'em out!

'brew

| 31772|2010-02-04 14:10:03|Lamar Perryman|Fw: [SOA] Family helps adopted Haitian children keep their spiritual|

--- On **Wed, 2/3/10, zili danto** wrote:

From: zili danto

Subject: [SOA] Family helps adopted Haitian children keep their spiritual heritage

To: "Zili"

Date: Wednesday, February 3, 2010, 8:54 PM



Chris Walker / Chicago Tribune (MCT)

Siblings Adia Odeline Dominique Fitzgibbons, 9, from left, Isabel Magdalen Fitzgibbons, Severin ("Sevvy") Stevenson Dominique Fitzgibbons, 8, light altar candles, January 20, 2010, at their Evanston, Illinois home. The candles bear the images of Vodou spirits such as Ezili I the mother "Iwa," or spirit mother, who is the protector and defender of children. The Fitzgibbons are Christians, but are incorporating some modest Vodou practices into a nightly routine to expose their Haitian-born, adopted children, Sevvy and Odeline, to traditional Haitian spirituality.

CHICAGO • Images of the washed out Haitian hillside where their children's relatives lived have led Peter and Paula Fitzgibbons to fear that their adopted son and daughter have no biological family left.

The strongest bond their children Odeline and Sevvy may have to their homeland now is the way they "serve the spirits" and speak to God.

Every night since Jan. 12, when a devastating earthquake hit the children's homeland, the Fitzgibbons have assembled them in their Evanston, Ill., den for Vodou prayers, part of the couple's effort to preserve their children's ties to Haiti through a religion they argue has been misinterpreted and unfairly portrayed.

With Haitian tunes echoing from the kitchen, Odeline, 9, Sevvy, 8 and their 5-year-old sister, Isa, stand before an altar with their parents, light candles and call upon Papa Legba, the Vodou spirit and gatekeeper who admits other spirits into the sacred circle to hear the family's prayers.

Together, the family whirls and twirls around the living room, pounding drums, shaking tambourines, and chanting to invoke the pantheon of spirits, or Iwa.

"Feed the people!"

"Save our children!"

"Find our family!"

Following the advice of international adoption experts, the Fitzgibbons have tried to help their children maintain a cultural connection to Haiti. But they have taken it a step further by including religion.

They believe their children can learn the value of Vodou (properly pronounced VO-doo) in a Christian context.

"(Vodou) is interwoven into every bit of a Haitian person's life," said Paula Fitzgibbons, a former Lutheran pastor. "I'm at least presenting them with some part of their spiritual heritage. I can offer them enough that they will be familiar with Vodou when they get to the point of making their own choices about spirituality and religion."

But the spiritual journey has served a more immediate purpose for Odeline and Sevvvy, a sister and brother adopted from Haiti nearly seven years ago. It has helped them feel in touch with their homeland at a time when other connections seem lost.

"I think my family in Haiti feels my prayers," Sevvvy said. His sister feels the same way.

"I believe I am helping my family (in Haiti) because maybe they know that I'm here," she said. "The prayers help me to think about my family (in Haiti) more."

Known by the Creole word meaning "sacred," Vodou has been the principle religion of the Haitian population since the 16th century. Born from the fusion of African traditions introduced by slaves and Western traditions such as Roman Catholic rituals, Vodou is a monotheistic religion that believes God is the singular and superior power. But practitioners of Vodou, called serviteurs, call on lwa to intervene much like saints in the Catholic faith.

Vodou believers and experts say the religion bears little resemblance to the derogatory stereotypes of it, which partly are based on Hollywood portrayals of "voodoo" from the early 20th century.

But ever since Protestant missionaries entered Haiti in the 18th century, there has been tension between Christians and Vodou serviteurs, so-called because it is believed they serve the spirits.

The Fitzgibbonses discovered that discord right away when they first arrived in the Caribbean island nation to meet their new children in 2002. Unable to secure a domestic adoption for two years, a fellow pastor had pointed Paula Fitzgibbons to Haiti, where fewer than 300 of more than half a million orphans find a home each year.

Many orphanages had strict rules that required a Christian upbringing. The one where Odeline and Sevvvy first lived warned prospective parents to stay away from teaching Creole, Vodou or Haitian history. But she saw no conflict between

Vodou and Christianity.

"At the core of those religions is service," she said. "We're serving the spirits and the spirits are doing the work of God. How is that different from honoring Jesus? ... It's very important that the children learn about Jesus and his compassion and how he wants us to live our lives."

But she believed it was also important to preserve their spiritual heritage. So this month, in addition to incorporating Haitian history into the children's homeschool curriculum, cooking Haitian recipes and listening to Haitian music, the family embarked on a spiritual journey • an adventure chronicled on Paula Fitzgibbons' blog: [www.raisinglittlespirits.com](http://www.raisinglittlespirits.com).

That perspective is cultivated by Lake Street Church, the American Baptist church in Evanston that the Fitzgibbons chose to join five years ago.

Rev. Ann-Louise Haak, associate minister at Lake Street Church, compares the role of spirits in Vodou to the "great cloud of witnesses" surrounding believers that the Apostle Paul discusses in the New Testament.

"We see our role as being that community of kindred spirits to support them as they figure out how to handle this unique situation they have in their family," Haak said. "We believe all people are welcome and there is a space in God for everyone."

Paula Fitzgibbons acknowledges there may be challenges ahead. For example, she does not know how she will approach the common ritual of animal sacrifice with her son Sevvvy, a vegetarian with a tender spot for animals. The family will not sacrifice an animal, she said.

For the time being, she will let the children be her guide. Every night, after a dinner that often includes a Haitian recipe, the three children can't wait to slip into their pajamas and pray. Smiling from cheek to cheek, they run out of breath singing, dancing and drumming as the pace and volume of the music builds.

"We're so busy we have not had any kind of consistent prayer time together," Fitzgibbons said. "This journey has given that to us as a family ... They're now requesting this every night. The earthquake expedited everything. We wanted to have a tangible way to pray."

The family also started a collection of child-care supplies for the orphanage where Odeline and Sevvvy last lived. Nevertheless, the Fitzgibbons believe prayer has the potential to inspire healing both in Haiti and in the hearts of her own children who carry the wounds that come naturally with adoption.

"It's not like we can show them pictures of Haiti and say 'Look at this beautiful place you've come from. We can't. It's not a pretty place to look at,'" she said. "But we can stress the spiritual unity and the spiritual strength of their ancestors ... We can teach them how incredibly strong and clever and resilient the people in their



country are."

...

Vodou, not "voodoo"

Whether writing in English, French or Creole, the correct spelling of the predominant religion in Haiti is Vodou, according to the official orthography of Haitian Creole language, said Terry Rey, chair of the religion department at Temple University.

Derived from the term "Vodoun" in the language of the Fon of Benin in West Africa, and signifying a company or family of spirits, the correct pronunciation is VO-doo.

The name "voodoo" is viewed as a derogatory term loaded with negative connotations "associated with Hollywood portrayals of zombies, ritual bacchanalias, or a conglomeration of exotic spells related to witchcraft and sorcery," said Leslie Desmangles, professor of religion at Trinity College.

"The word 'voodoo' comes out of Hollywood in the 1920s, 30s, 40s as the United States was occupying Haiti, and it served to justify the occupation to a large extent in the eyes of Americans," said Patrick Bellegarde-Smith, professor of Africology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee .

Use of the term "voodoo" as a synonym for irrational behavior • "voodoo economics," for example • is considered offensive as well.

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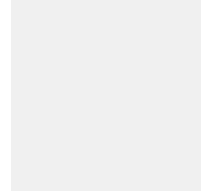
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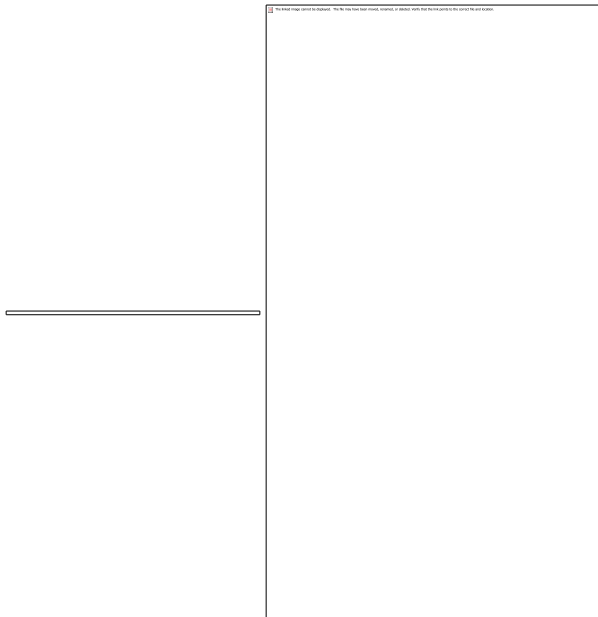


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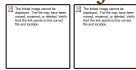
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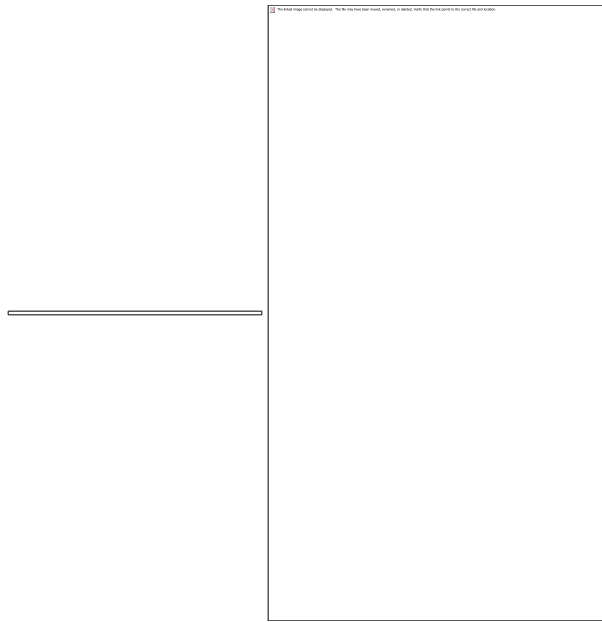


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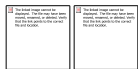
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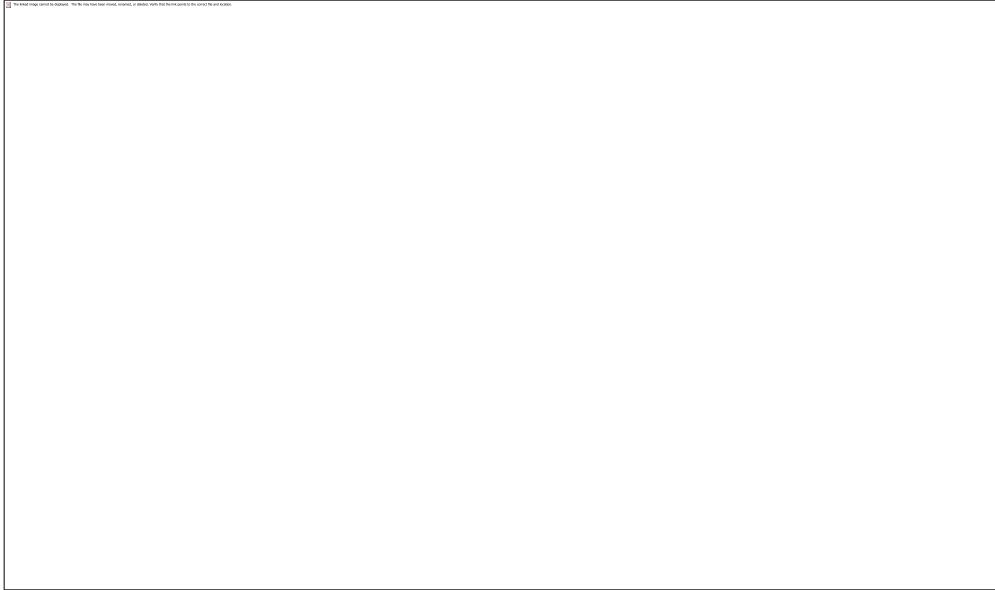
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# Restoring The Avenue of Sphinxes and Protecting it for the Future

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The Avenue of Sphinxes in front of the Luxor Temple. Photo by Jennifer Willoughby

Egypt's Minister of Culture, Farouk Hosni, and Zahi Hawass, Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities (SCA), along with the governor of Luxor, Samir Farag, will embark today on an inspection tour along the Avenue of Sphinxes that connects the [Luxor](#) and Karnak temples. During this visit, they will [install the piece of red granite that was returned to Egypt by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in its original place at the Ptah temple at Karnak.](#)

Built by the 30th Dynasty king Nectanebo I (380-362 BC), the avenue is 2,700 meters long and 76 meters wide, and lined with a number of statues in the shape of sphinxes. [Queen Hatshepsut](#) recorded on her red chapel in Karnak temple ([explore the evolution of this temple in Digital Karnak](#)) that she built six chapels dedicated to the god Amun-Re on the route of this avenue during her reign, emphasising that it was long a place of religious significance.

The Avenue of Sphinxes is one of the most important archaeological and religious paths in Luxor, as it was the location of important religious ceremonies in ancient times, most notably the Beautiful Feast of Opet.

The Opet Festival was celebrated annually in Thebes, during the New Kingdom period and later. The statues of the gods of the Theban Triad - Amun, Khonsu and Mut - were escorted, hidden from sight in a sacred barque, in a joyous procession down the Avenue of Sphinxes from the temple of Amun in Karnak, to the temple of Luxor in order to relive their marriage.

Dr. Hawass said that developing the Avenue of Sphinxes is part of the SCA's collaboration with the Luxor government - [one of the issues is to tackle air pollution damaging the monuments](#) - to develop the whole city into an open-air museum. The SCA allocated an amount of LE 30 million to remove all

encroachments and compensate those who own houses and shops along the route, as well as another LE 30 million for excavation and restoration works. These works are carried out in three phases; the first was to build a low wall alongside the avenue in order to preserve it from any further encroachment, the second phase is the excavation and the final step is the restoration of the area.



[Part of the Avenue of Sphinxes, photographed by Chanel Wheeler](#)

The excavation team unearthed a large number of fragmented sphinxes that are now undergoing restoration efforts led by SCA consultant Dr. Mahmoud Mabrouk in order to be placed on the site.

Along the avenue there were originally 1350 sphinxes. Many of the stone guardians were removed and reused during the Roman period and the Middle Ages.

Each of the excavation sections is revealing more sphinxes as well as the cartouches of several kings and queens.

One of the reliefs bears the cartouche of Queen Cleopatra VII. Dr. Hawass believes that this queen likely visited this avenue during her Nile trip with Mark Anthony and implemented restoration work that was marked with her cartouche.

Remains of Queen Hatshepsut's chapels, which were reused by king Nectanebo I in the construction of sphinxes, have been found as well, along with a collection of Roman buildings - remains of wine factories and a huge cistern for water.


Examples of other restoration and protection works currently ongoing in Egypt are the make-over for the Giza area - including [the construction of the Grand Egyptian Museum](#) and [drilling under the Sphinx to keep its paws dry](#) - as well as



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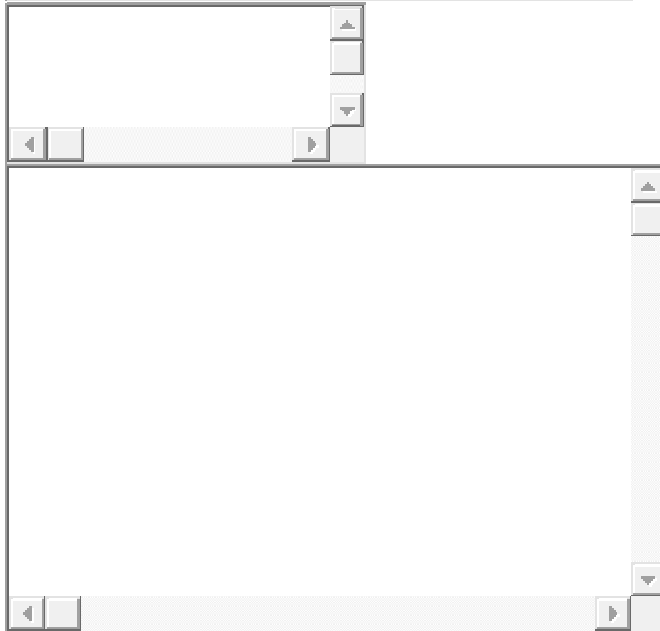
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